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## Computer Uses Bad Language

ATLANTA — The computer didn't cuss, but it used bad language nevertheless.

In a mailing to the chairmen of deacons in 30,000 Southern Baptist churches from the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, the computer addressed all the letters: "Chairman, Board of Deacons."

A flurry of calls and letters from upset persons let the agency know deacons were not members of a board. They did not have ultimate responsibility for the church. They did not direct. They did see their role as servants of the church.

It was then that the Home Mission Board staff realized the computer had not been taught theologically correct language. The staff does agree, deacons are a ministering body serving Christ in the church.

Because of the blunder, Bob Bingham, director of the HMB's Services Section, hasn't decided if the computer's mouth will be washed out or not, but at least it will be taught a few less words when addressing deacons.

With recent trends, will the next assignment be to teach the computer non-sexist language — like "chairperson?"

## FMB Votes

# \$25,000 To Quake Victims

RICHMOND (BP) — Looking to both physical and spiritual needs, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board voted here to send \$25,000 to aid Baptist earthquake victims in Romania and also allocated \$25,000 for a major city evangelism effort now beginning in Hong Kong.

Since Romanian officials have indicated they have sufficient supplies of food and clothing at the present time, the board will make money available to the Romanian Baptist leaders instead of trying to send supplies, said J. D. Hughey, the board's secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia.

The money will be offered to the Baptist Union of Romania through John David Hopper of Austria, Southern Baptist fraternal representative to the Baptists of Eastern Europe. More funds may be made available if needed.

Reports indicate that at least two Baptist Union of Romania through Ploesti were demolished by the March 4 quake, Hughey said. Two students

attending the Baptist seminary in Bucharest were reported killed as they were shopping in a supermarket which collapsed.

Southern Baptists have had no missionaries working in Romania since the start of World War II, but the denomination made major contributions to Romanian Baptist work in the pre-war years by starting the Bucharest Seminary and a girls' training school. World War II and the establishment afterward of a Communist government ended Southern Baptist participation in the work, and Romanian Baptists became one of the most isolated Baptist groups in Europe.

In recent years, Romanian Baptists have made good use of their limited freedom, reports indicate, and almost every Baptist congregation in the country has at least doubled its membership since World War II.

The \$25,000 voted for major city evangelization in Hong Kong is the initial appropriation for a 1977-78 penetration and saturation evangelism project. Planners of the campaign are hoping to start 2,000 home Bible study groups in all areas of the city of more than four million people.

The project is sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board's department of evangelism and church development and the Hong Kong Baptist Convention. Baptists in Hong Kong plan to raise \$100,000 for the two-year evangelism emphasis, with much of the money going for copies of scripture portions and mass media efforts.

First big event of the campaign is a Congress on Evangelism, scheduled March 20-27 at the Kowloon City Baptist Church. The Congress will provide information about the project and challenge pastors and lay leaders to participate.

A rally at the 15,000-seat Kowloon Football Stadium, March 27, will be the kickoff for the major city evangelization effort. S. M. Lockridge, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, Calif., will speak.

The board also appropriated \$5,000 requested by the Argentine Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) to aid flood victims in the provinces of Santa Fe, Formosa and Chaco.

Frank K. Means, the board's secretary for Eastern South America, said additional money may be needed if floodwaters continue to rise.

At the same meeting, held at the board's headquarters, a change was also approved in accounting proce-

dures for handling of world relief and hunger funds. To facilitate reporting on the use of world hunger funds, the board voted to set up a separate world hunger account, effective April 1. All other relief funds will be handled in the regular relief account.

The board also heard a preliminary report on the 1976 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions which showed that through March 7 a total of \$21,496,715 had been received in Richmond.

This is an increase of more than \$1,137,000 over the \$20,358,878 received by the same date last year.

The 1976 goal is \$29 million, up \$5 million over the 1975 goal of \$24 million. The 1976 books on the offering will remain open until the end of April. Total receipts in the 1975 offering were \$26,169,421.

The board's executive director Baker J. Cauthen said the increase reported thus far reflects "the very ex-

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## Think Tank Brainstorms About Future Missions

By Roy Jennings

NASHVILLE (BP) — A diverse group of 50 Southern Baptists immersed themselves in a "think tank" for two days here and proposed hundreds of ideas for communicating Christian missions during the next 25 years.

The collection of "idea people" from 12 states were brought together to work on missions education strategy, particularly new ways to teach and do missions.

Sponsors of the Missions Education Strategy Think Tank were the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and Sunday School Board.

Many of the new ideas will be incorporated into mission strategies the five agencies will unveil at the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in 1978. Brainstorming on the "why," "what," "who" and "how" of missions education, the group of pastors, Brotherhood and WMU workers, missions board leaders, seminary professors, executive secretaries of state Baptist conventions, state Baptist

editors and SBC Executive Committee representatives proposed such ideas as beginning missions curriculum plans for new Christians and advanced curriculum plans for "core church members."

They also called for a graduate school of world missions in the seminaries, metro mission centers in urban areas staffed by missionaries, mobile missions displays for use by churches, associations and state conventions, and mission study tours.

Another group proposed development of a cradle-to-grave curriculum plan on missions so people can plug in anywhere and insertion of more missions information in Sunday School lessons.

The ideas also included mission first aid kits, missions education digest for pastors, syndicated foreign mission programs, touring mission drama companies, devotional guides on missions education, and church, association and state camps depicting cultures where Southern Baptists missionaries serve.

The groups took the advice of Carolyn Weatherford of Birmingham, executive director of WMU. She called on the brainstormers at the outset to "untie yourself, avoid the constraints of tradition and present organization, dream about what we can do during the next 25 years in missions education, then put a foundation under those dreams."

Glendon McCullough of Memphis, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, urged the think tank teams to exercise the principle of flexibility and propose ideas that are flexible.

"We have come to a day in Southern Baptist life in which we will have to be one team in our missions program," McCullough said.

Sponsors used four presenters to prime the minds of the idea developers.

Describing the "what" of missions education, Jack Gray, professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, identified 55 bodies of content for motivating Southern Baptists to increase their support of missions and commitment to missions.

Gray grouped his suggestions in three mission study categories, bibli-

cal and theological, historical and biographical, and practical and denominational.

Presenting the "why" of missions education, O. D. Morris, area coordinator for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, said Southern Baptists have a responsibility to carry the gospel of good news to the world.

To share the good news, Southern Baptists need to be more aware of what's happening in the world, Morris indicated.

"Our people need to be aware that Mexico City will be the largest city in the world by the year 2000 if it continues to grow at its present rate."

"And an age of scarcity is upon us. But I see it as an opportunity for us to get our heads screwed back on straight," Morris said in cautioning Southern Baptists to avoid becoming anti-missionary in irritation over the soaring price of coffee.

"The hope of our world is a people with a global consciousness. This is only by nurturing Christians in Christian community," he said.

Morris, a researcher, told the thinkers a new list of sins were emerging. He identified them as waste, planned obsolescence, fad and fashion, pollution, disharmony, intolerance, generational nearsightedness, over consumption, and corporate isolationism.

In a presentation on the "who" of missions education, Floyd Craig, director of public relations for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville, advised the groups to learn more about their audiences before selecting a communications channel.

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## TV Film On Christ Causes Some Stir

FORT WORTH (BP) — A six-hour film entitled "The Life of Christ," scheduled to be sponsored by General Motors on NBC-TV during the Easter season, has become controversial in some quarters, although little is known about the film to date, according to a Southern Baptist communications executive.

Paul M. Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, who will attend a pre-screening of the film to determine its content, said he has received a large number of contacts concerning the film and quoting remarks reportedly made by G. Franco Zeffirelli, the film's director.

Stevens has written to Herbert S. Schlosser, president of the National Broadcasting Company, expressing concern about its content and seeking to learn precisely the nature of the film and NBC-TV's plans for it.

A newsletter put out by the Moody Adams Association in Baker, La., quotes "Faith" magazine as saying, "Director Zeffirelli told a news magazine reporter, 'I... see Jesus as an ordinary man, gentle, fragile, simple... Of course, the public is going to be annoyed that I am destroying their myths... yet in view of the constant reinterpretation of Jesus' life and the tone of our contemporary society, I believe the changes which I have made are valid.'"

In his letter to Schlosser, Stevens said of Zeffirelli, "If his statements concerning his treatment of the deity

of Christ are true, then they reveal a foolish insensitivity to the feelings and convictions of more than 85 million Americans."

"I think the result will be a reaction unlike any that has been heretofore experienced," Stevens told Schlosser. "In my opinion the present national attitude toward religion will resist a presentation that reflects on deity of Christ."

The screening of "The Life of Christ" is scheduled by NBC-TV in New York City for March 25. Stevens and others have been invited to see for themselves whether the film downgrades the deity of Christ.

## Magazine Expose Reveals Children Of God Excesses

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — The shroud of secrecy which has sheltered the Children of God from public scrutiny has been pulled aside by two former members in an interview for a major article in the Feb. 18 issue of Christianity Today.

Notable among the revelations of Jack Wasson, 28, and David Jacks, 24, are their allegations of the debauchery of David Berg, a former Christian and Missionary Alliance pastor who began

a ministry among hippies in 1968 at Huntington Beach, Calif.

"If it hadn't been for him, the COG could have been a force for good instead of for evil," Jacks declared.

In the article, titled "The Children of God: Disciples of Deception," the young men reply to questions presented by Joseph M. Hopkins, a professor in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa. Their replies to questions indicate that the COG has degenerated into an immoral, money-hungry constituency which has forgotten the faith.

Berg, or "Moses David," has issued more than 500 official "MO" letters in the past five years. They are placed above Scripture by members who see the Bible as containing God's Word for "yesterday" and the MO letters as having God's Word for "today."

Wasson and Jacks claim that Berg brags about his spiritual counselors, which they term "familiar spirits," and quote Berg's second wife in explaining that the spirit "goddesses" make love to him.

Berg, the men say, has "a long history of astrology, palm reading and that sort of thing." In his letters, Berg cites Abraham, Solomon, and David as examples so he can have extramarital affairs with girls in the group. In sessions Berg led at the Texas commune they recalled, "No matter what subject they started out about, they always ended up on the subject of sex."

Members are encouraged, the men said, to practice "religious prostitution" on the street in order to solicit members for the group. Parents were to be used and exploited and swearing was encouraged to help the disciples relate to people on the street. All claim to be Spirit-baptized and pray in tongues, the men revealed, and practice healing ministries.

Berg believes the whole world — America, first of all — is "under impending doom. He believes that we are living in the last generation, and that the United States is the 'great prostitute that sits on many waters' and the 'Babylon' of Revelation."

Wasson and Jacks are seeking to offer an acceptable alternative to members in the COG. They said many

of the 5,000 full-time disciples in some 800 "colonies" around the globe are among the most dedicated of all believers in Jesus Christ. When properly instructed through a ministry called "Recovery," they "turn out to be some of the most committed Christians in the world. 'he that is forgiven much loveth much.'"

## Singer Re-Offers Bryant TV Show

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — Entertainer Anita Bryant, who lost a potentially lucrative television contract because of her highly publicized opposition to passage of a Miami Metro homosexual rights ordinance, has been offered the job again.

Spokesmen for her and the Singer Company, chief sponsor for the show, said negotiations have been resumed with Bryant to be hostess for a pilot program of a 13-week long TV talk show series to be aired in the fall.

The telegram cancelling negotiations with Bryant two weeks earlier cited "the extensive national publicity arising from the controversial political activities" she had engaged in. "We want this to be a pleasant show," said Edward Trevorow, vice president of Singer, when negotiations were broken off. "We'd like to have as little difficulty as possible in any direction," he said.

However, Singer officials said the earlier decision had not been cleared with top management. Singer executive vice president W. Paul Tippet Jr. said Singer fully supports Bryant's rights to take a personal position on legitimate issues "not related to her commercial environment with the company."

A company spokesman said the Singer Company has received a lot of phone calls and letters about the cancellation. He would not say whether most of those phone calls were opposed to the action, but, he insisted, "This wasn't the reason for the change."

Bryant, a Southern Baptist, was on of the leaders of a petition drive to try to force repeal of the ordinance passed by the Metro Commission earlier this year that would outlaw discrimination against homosexuals.

## NAB To Plan Reduction Of TV Sex And Violence

WASHINGTON (BP) — Wilson C. Wearn, chairman of the joint board of directors of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), said here the NAB is formulating a policy to reduce the amount of sex and violence on television, and it expects to have a concrete plan by this summer with the cooperation of the networks and program producers.

Wearn, president of Multimedia, Inc., Greenville, S. C., said the NAB Board has directed the Television Code Review Board to formulate clear, strong advisory guidelines. He said NAB representatives have met with representatives of the three networks and with a number of producers of television programming.

He said both groups expressed concern over the problem and a willingness to work with NAB to develop new

and effective methods of self-regulation.

The NAB chairman said Code Board members will meet with representatives of the National Citizens Committee for Broadcasting and the American Medical Association. Also, a meeting is being scheduled with the Parent-Teachers Association.

Wearn said NAB "has no illusions that this process will be a smooth one and meet all concerns, but rather we expect that it will produce many differing views and opinions on how best to attack this problem. We all must recognize that this is an area where no precise measurements exist and where no clear answers will suddenly appear to the satisfaction of all."

He added that "violence is not going to suddenly disappear on television."

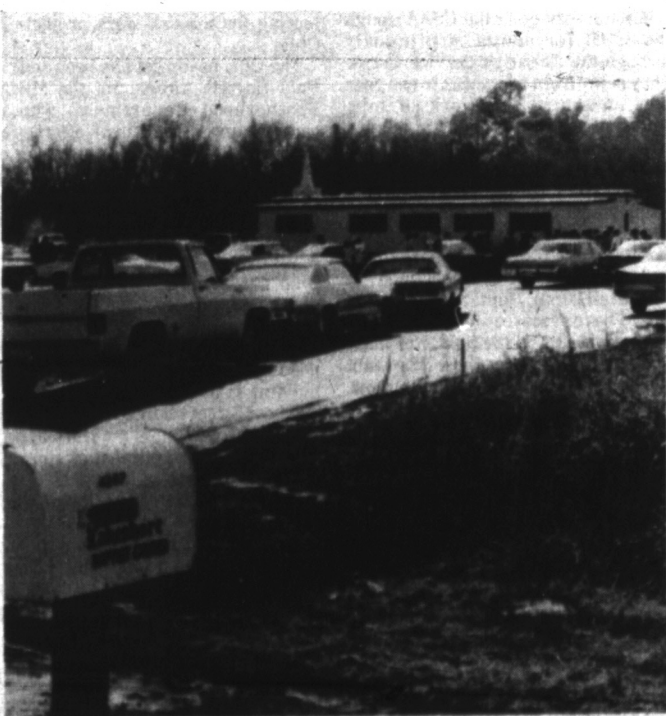
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## Pastors' Digest Begins

A new mailout program by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is beginning this month for Mississippi Baptist pastors. On the 15th of each month a single mailing of all material to be mailed out on conference and programs of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be sent to all pastors in the state. Included will be a Pastors' Digest, which will be a resume of all the material in the packet.

Pastors may get an overview of all of the programs by reading the digest, and all of the material will be available so that any pastor may better acquaint himself with any program in which he has particular interest.

Also, each week in the Baptist Record news of conferences and programs of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be given in detail on Pages 1 and 3.



## Lakeshore Constitutes

Lakeshore Baptist Church in Southwest Jackson, constituted March 13. Fred Tarpley, Hinds-Madison missions director, is interim pastor.



# Christian Service Corps

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### Short

Short term projects offer opportunities for service and growth in a number of areas. Many require interest rather than specific skills; however, some require specific skills of background or training. Projects are either related to a pastor, director of associational missions or missionary. The work of the missionary will be focused on church extension, Christian social ministries, language missions, or resort ministries. In some cases housing and/or meals are provided depending on the ability of the field to provide. Travel assistance may be available for special situations involving extreme distances.

### NORTHEAST

NASHUA, NH, June 25-Aug. 17, Phone survey, visitation, VBS. Possibly construction.  
AYER, MA, Aug. or June, Bricklaying on back and one side of church building. 5 to 8 people needed.  
DANBURY, CT, March-summer, One young adult to work extensive youth program, music with youth working with choir coming during summer and coordinating Backyard Bible Clubs.  
FAIRFIELD, CT, June 1-Aug. 15, Two persons, one male with car to help in two youth discussion groups, backyard Bible School, visitation and survey.

BRADFORD, RI, Anytime, Construction, need carpenter to take charge of project.  
LUTHERVILLE, MD, Before middle of June, Prefer volunteers with carpenters to assist in construction at camp.  
PITTSBURGH, PA, June-Aug., Developing groups to use music as mission outreach through programs of life style witnessing.  
PITTSBURGH, PA, July-Aug., Help language missionary (Slavic) making contacts, Bible studies, literature distribution, youth work, children's work. Perhaps building repairs.  
PITTSBURGH, PA, July-Aug., Start and maintain a new work through VBS and visitation and survey.

MONROEVILLE, PA, June-Aug., VBS, visitation and survey, church weekday ministry, home Bible study leadership.  
HERSHEY, PA, Aug. 22-27, Counselors needed for children and youth camps.  
DALLAS, PA, April or May, Construction of church building.

BUFFALO, NY, Anytime, Visitation and survey in an inner city situation.  
DEPEW, NY, June-Aug., Director for day camp program for 9 weeks. Teach group discipline, soul-winning conferences.  
DEPEW, NY, June-Aug., Two persons to be counselors and athletic directors. Must be willing to work with people in a pleasant relationship.  
BUFFALO, NY, June-Aug., Unlimited number of volunteers to serve as kitchen helpers, life guards. Painting and general construction.  
VIRGINIA, Anytime, Couple or family to help with VBS and music.

WEST VIRGINIA, Anytime, Assist in an effort to renew work started last summer.  
MOOREFIELD, WV, July, VBS and backyard Bible clubs.  
MOOREFIELD, WV, Anytime, Visitation and survey, VBS.

LANCASTER, PA, July or summer, Two Spanish speaking volunteers to work in VBS and witnessing.

**NORTH CENTRAL**  
DECATUR, IL, June 20-Aug. 12, One person to supervise and direct Backyard Bible Clubs.

MONROVIA, IN, Anytime, Unlimited number of volunteers to do construction at a camp-insulators, electricians, plumbers, painters.

NEW WHITELAND, IN, Summer, Backyard Bible clubs, youth ministry, start new mission, visitation, soul winning, bus ministry.

DECATUR, IN, June-Aug., VBS, visitation and survey, home Bible study leadership.  
BLUFFTON, IN, June-Aug., Vacation Bible school, visitation, survey, home Bible study leadership.

WARSAW, IN, June-Aug., Vacation Bible school, visitation, survey, home Bible study leadership.  
HUNTINGTON, IN, June-Aug., VBS, visitation and survey, home Bible study leadership.

ELKHART, IN, July-Aug., VBS, visitation and survey, home Bible study leadership.

SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA, July 11-22, Two mature adults, prefer a couple, highly skilled in RA and Girls in Action work.

MIDLAND, MI, anytime, Crew of 3-5 men to help church finish building. Skill in finish carpentry, plumbing, electrical work would be helpful.

FREMONT, OH, April-Oct., Four persons to help with Spanish work in music, VBS, visitation, survey.

OVERLIN, OH, June-Aug., Four people to help start (rebuild) new chapel-type ministry.

WELLINGTON, OH, June-Aug., Help start new chapel. Partially surveyed and some prospects found.

SANDUSKY, OH, June-Aug., Need help in reaching mobile home parks, some permanent residents, some summertime recreation. Need someone experienced in mobile home park life and who knows how to work through managers/owners.

NORTH OLMDIST, OH, Mid-June-July, Two men needed to drive bus for VBS for 3 to 6 weeks.

ST. MARY'S, OH, June-Aug., Young man or couple to do late ministry work. Possibilities for day camping ministry, life-guard ministry, night programs for campers, Bible studies, etc.

SIDNEY, OH, Aug-Sept., Spanish speaking volunteer to work with migrants.

SIDNEY, OH, anytime, Weekday ministry needs to be started in an inner city area.

AKRON, OH, anytime, Couple needed to be social directors for an apartment complex.

STEEL VALLEY, OH, anytime, Interim pastors and persons willing to work as core personnel in starting new work.

BLACKHAWK ASSO., IL, June, July, Aug., Youth worker — 4 weeks; minister of education — 2 weeks; youth group for Backyard Bible club, day camp. (Brotherhood initiated project).

METRO PEORIA ASSO., ILL, April, May, Survey to help find prospects for new mission.

CHICAGO METRO, IL, Jan through Sept., Canvas and recruit for Sunday School and church. Possibly construction work.

METRO PEORIA, June-Aug., Person to work with youth, VBS, Backyard Bible clubs, survey.

FOX VALLEY ASSO., IL, March, Experienced minister of music to help build a church.

MT. VERNON, IL, July, Youth worker — 4 weeks.

The above six requests are Brotherhood initiated projects.

### MIDWEST

GREAT BEND, KS, May-Sept., Several lakes in association where resort work could be done through music, camp.

WINFIELD, KS, Spring, General carpenter to work with church in construction of new building.

TULSA, OK, June-Aug., Worker needed for eleven weeks at camp, Baptist Center, visitation and survey, VBS.

### WEST

BIG BEAR CITY, CA, Summer, VBS in apartment buildings.

E. LAKE TAHOE, CA, Supper, painting, survey, day camp and witnessing.

EL PORTAL, CA, anytime, Construction and repair of church building. Sunday School training — how to teach.

EL PORTAL, CA, June 15-25, Assist missionary in resort community and Yosemite Park working with all age groups doing general evangelism and follow-up. Construction also.

EL PORTAL, CA, July 1-8, General evangelism and follow-up. Painting and carpenter work. Visitation and Bible studies and day camps.

EL PORTAL, CA, Aug. 6-14, Assist missionary in general evangelism, visitation, and follow-up. Minor construction work.

TEMPE, AZ, anytime, Construction; bricklayers, plumbers, general laborers.

GRAND CANYON, AZ, May 28-Aug. 15, 3 adults

for houseparents and cooks for summer missionaries.

ESTES PARK, CO., June 6-Aug. 13, Couple to provide housing supervision and preparation of meals for summer missionaries, aid in summer activities. Must provide own trailer in which to live.

NORTHERN NEVADA, June 1-Aug. 15, One volunteer to help in VBS for English speaking Indians.

NORTHERN NEVADA, June 1-Aug. 15, One family at a time for at least a week for VBS in isolated communities. Children can be a big help.

NORTHERN NEVADA, 1977-1980, One couple or two men at a time. To visit every rancher in 40,000 square mile church field, witness, leave Good News Bible during Bold Mission Thrust program.

HAWTHORNE, NEVADA, June 15-Aug. 15, Camp fires, day camps, VBS, Backyard Bible clubs, youth evangelism in desert areas and in Sierra Nevada mountain area. One volunteer or a couple.

UTE INDIAN RESERVATION, UTAH, Oct. 1978, To assist language missionary with expanding Indian work, from a few weeks to six months.

**NORTHERN PLAINS**  
GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, Summer, Youth worker in a church which is 70% military. Music, home Bible study leadership, visitation & survey. One person or couple.

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, Anytime, One volunteer to work with re-opened Indian mission.

LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, To train church members in basic skills, Sunday School, VBS, music, visitation.

SHELBY, MONTANA, One person or couple to work with educational program and music.

JACKSON, WY, House parents and cooks.

WEST YELLOWSTONE, MONTANA, House parents and cooks.

**SOUTH**  
ORLANDO, FL., Christmas 1977, Vacation Bible School for migrant children during Christmas season. Can have as many as 4 VBS at one time.

ORLANDO, FL., Summer, Construction; to finish Sunday School rooms, put in baptistry, 2 or 3 men.

BOCA RATON, FL., Most anytime, Construction at a camp. Several men needed.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY, Sept. 1977 —, One volunteer to work in inner-city church; recruit volunteers, Bible and recreational clubs, crisis ministry.

**NORTHWEST**  
PORTLAND, OR, Several men needed to repair and paint church building.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE NORTHWEST** Requested by Directors of Missions.

Survey, Davenport, WA, Northtown, Spokane, WA, Northgate Spokane, WA, Colville, Valley, Colville, WA, Northport, WA.

Survey and Begin New Work, Coquille, OR, Bandon, OR, Myrtlepoint, OR, Brookings, OR, Lincoln City, OR. (Small group or husband and wife needed for each of the above five). Aberdeen, WA (pastor and 2-3 laymen).

New Church Starter, Aberdeen, WA (retired preacher).

Youth Worker, Ione, WA (summer), Milan, WA (summer), Oak Harbor, WA.

Resort Ministry, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Vacation Bible School, Backyard Bible Clubs, Davenport, WA., Sandpoint, ID., Northtown, Spokane, WA., Otis Orchards, Spokane, WA., Northport, WA., Northgate, Spokane, WA., Hamilton, WA (2), Oak Harbor, WA., Myrtlewood & Coast Association, OR. (must be self-sustaining).

Ritzville, WA., Colville Valley, Colville, WA.

Camp Personnel, Coast and Myrtlewood Associations, OR (counseling, teaching, couple), Inland Empire Association, Washington (camp missionary).

Assistant Pastor, Milan, WA., Greenacres, Spokane, WA. (summer).

Music Leader and Youth Worker, Valley, Sedro Woolley, WA.

Mission Pastor, Oak Harbor, WA., Concrete, WA., Shoules, Marysville, WA.

Revival Team, Darrington, MI, View, WA, Calvary, Burlington, WA, Oak Harbor, WA, Victory, Bellingham, WA, Mt. Baker, WA, Mt. Vernon, WA., Shoules, Marysville, WA.

Construction, Seventh St. Chapel, Coos Bay, OR (painting and roofing), Waldport, OR (remodel education building), Yachats, OR (build mission building), Davenport, WA (general carpentry, preschool and children's furniture), Volvile Valley, Colville, WA (finish work), Northport, Spokane, WA (finish work), Ritzville, WA (finish work, children's and preschool furniture), Pasadena Park, Spokane, WA (finish building and furnishings; team to construct building), Northgate, Spokane, WA, Montesano, WA (build building), Rochester, WA (build building).

Interior Decoration, Colville Valley, Colville, WA, Northport, WA, Ritzville, WA.

Landscaping, Otis Orchards, Spokane, WA.

Volunteer to Begin Language Mission and Christian Social Ministry Assistance, Inland Empire Association, WA.

Develop Mobile Chapel Ministry on the Oregon Coast, Coast and Myrtlewood Associations, OR.

Retired Missionary, Denominational Worker, Seminary Teacher to Conduct Pilot Project of Best Methodist of Beginning Ministry in Recreational Area on Oregon Coast, Coast and Myrtlewood Associations, OR.

Worker with American Indians, Olympic Association, WA.

Witnessing Team, Friendship, Lynden, WA.

Interim Pastor, Myrtlewood and Coast Associations, OR (retired minister).

Northwest Convention will do the assigning for these projects.

### Long

Long term needs must be met by those persons who are open to the possibilities of relocating. A desire to be a missionary or to simply assist someone would be sufficient reasons for waiting to be involved. Experience has proven that a short term assignment is the best way to being a long term experience. Looking over the availability of housing and job opportunities should be a part of the short term experience.

STERLING, ILLINOIS, Couple to help with all areas of church work. Need especially critical in music.

CANTON, ILLINOIS, Successor to present "Student to Student" worker. Work with students at several colleges. Association can supplement with small salary.

SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA, Church secretary, paid position.

NEW WHITELAND, INDIANA, Choir director and youth worker.

DENISON, IOWA, Youth pastor. Would also help with Laos refugees.

PORTLAND, MAINE, Student work in local colleges, and to begin new work in community.

PORTLAND, MAINE, VBS, visitation, camp, weekday ministry, home Bible study, senior citizen ministry.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, Older person to be receptionist in association office.

KALISPELL, MONTANA, Minister of music to teach and direct choirs. Might be able to supplement salary.

RENO, NEVADA, Student worker needed.

RENO, NEVADA, Elementary school teacher in Round Mountain; NV needed (fall, 1978). Visitation and survey in local church.

BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY, Family or one person needed to help rebuild old and dying church. Visitation, witnessing, youth ministry.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK (LE FRANK CITY), Bible study, Bible clubs, recreation, tutoring, puppet shows, English as second language, women's groups. Could provide lodging and meals for single person.

BUFFALO, NEW YORK, Church weekday ministry in inner city situation, clubs, Sunday School teaching, music, visitation, creative ideas. Single person or couple.

DEPEW, NEW YORK, Couple to start a new mission through visitation, weekday ministry, music, Bible study.

AKRON, OHIO, Couple needed to be social directors for an apartment complex.

BUFFTON, OHIO, Volunteer needed to live on field, relate to people, activities in parks in summer. VBS, visitation, Baptist Center work, weekday ministry, day camps.

COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON, Retired or semi-retired man who could spearhead work in outreach.

COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON, Worker with senior citizens.

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, Southern Baptist family needed to assist with beginning of a new church type mission through VBS, church weekday ministry, home Bible study.

WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA, Southern Baptist family needed to assist in beginning a new church type mission through VBS, visitation, home Bible study.

KEOKEE, VIRGINIA, Pianist, music director.

MADISON, WISCONSIN, Help reactivate church.

ADAMS, WISCONSIN, Church needs teachers, music directors, visitors.

COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON, Worker needed who can "sign" and work with deaf.

EL PORTAL, CA, Adult song director.

NORTON, KS, Two volunteers to start new work through VBS, visitation, survey, church weekday ministry, home Bible study, music.

ELLSWORTH, KS, Need help in starting a new work through VBS, visitation and survey, construction, home Bible study, music.

MANCHESTER, NH., Preferably a woman, to lead outreach ministry to senior citizens, working with and through existing agencies.

MT. SHASTA, CA, Board certified general surgeon, Board certified orthopedic surgeon, family practitioner needed at community hospital. Commitment of entire family necessary.

PINE RIDGE, SD, Three or four registered nurses and several LPNs to serve in hospital.

**Brainstorm**  
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"You need a precise definition of publics, a knowledge of their needs and their hurts, and where they get their information before deciding on a channel of communication to them," he said.

"I'm afraid I send information out, hoping against hope it will be received. But there is a principle in missions education. You start with the folks. You find out how they get their information. Then you use those channels," Craig continued.

"Remember that there are more important audiences than others. There is a pecking order among audiences just like there is among chickens."

"You can't communicate to all Southern Baptists. You don't have the budget or expertise," he said. "I think you ought to start with the power group. We may have come to a time when we need to learn how to harness the power structure to communicate missions education."

Focusing on the "how" of missions education in the future, Ralph Atkinson, vice president of Mississippi College, Clinton, said Southern Baptists will need to liberate themselves from the cultures where they feel comfortable to work in cultures which are uncomfortable.

Southern Baptists need to be skilled enough to work effectively in other cultures, Atkinson explained.

"There is a debate going on today about what the strategies of missions education ought to be," Atkinson said.

## FMB Meet

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cellent ingathering" which has taken place despite this winter's record cold weather.

The board also voted to receive bids April 13 on a new wing for its headquarters building in Richmond. A contract is expected to be awarded at the April 18-20 meeting in Atlanta.

The new addition, for which \$1,047,126 already has been appropriated, is scheduled to be completed by late summer 1978. Additional funds, if needed, will be allocated at the April meeting when the contract is awarded.

Robert B. Bass of Virginia is building committee chairman.

Members of the board also approved a new three-year contract with Callaway Gardens to continue the use of the Georgia facility as the board's missionary orientation center. Between 160 and 170 missionaries a year receive orientation at the center annually in two 14-week orientation periods.

Beginning with the fall of 1977, the new contract provides that the board will pay Callaway Gardens rates that are 21.3 percent above those paid for the three previous years, but this increase is less than the 26.3 percent increase in the cost of living which has occurred during those three years.

The board named Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Corley as special project workers to Sanyati, Rhodesia, where they will both serve one year as medical technicians.

Noting that strife-torn Rhodesia is "not a place where you go without faith," Cauthen told the couple that "your going will strengthen the hands of those with whom you will work."

At Sanyati they will join some 25 other missionaries now serving in this area of South Central Africa.

William W. Marshall, secretary of the department of furlough ministries, reported to the board that 1,184 missionaries have taken part in furlough briefings since these conferences were started in 1973 in an effort to sharpen the focus of missionary furloughs. A total of 435 took part in four such briefings held last year as the board sought to bring its missionaries into more meaningful contact with supporting churches.

# Road To Missions

By Tim Nicholas

There are a lot of forks in the road to missions. You can stay at home to do innumerable mission activities, or you can strike out going somewhere else to work.

"You can stay in the United States or you can go overseas. You can go for a short time or for a year or more or you can go into the work permanently."

Here are several of the opportunities available through existing channels for Southern Baptists to become involved in missions away from home.

The permanent work through missionary appointment by either the Home or the Foreign Mission Board. Either takes special training, and direct contact with the two agencies can give full information.

The volunteer, however, more often than not, needs no specialized training to serve. Overseas, through the FMB, there are short term special projects, which take from two weeks to a month. Jobs include lay evangelism, lay renewal in English-language churches, construction, youth and choir groups, and miscellaneous activities such as secretary, mechanic, architect.

Extended special service requires a one year period of service, occasionally as short as 4½ months. Needs are in handyman work, business managers, house parents, school teachers, interim pastors for English-speaking churches, secretaries.

Plus the FMB and HMB need volunteer medical and dental personnel on a short term basis.

As with most volunteer service, these persons can expect no salary and usually pay their own expenses.

Mission service in the USA through the HMB for adults is primarily through the Christian Service Corps. They serve from two weeks to one year and undergird the work of missionaries on the field, primarily in newer convention areas. For long term assignments, of one year or longer, the volunteer must find employment or provide his own livelihood.

Both the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board have resources for placing mission volunteers on the field. For those with special skills, or those who want to help, but don't know exactly how, contact either group. They also hire college students for camp work.

In Mississippi there is a group of volunteer coordinators for Christian Service Corps. They are Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Creel, Newhebron; Marjorie Rowden, Hattiesburg; John Lee Taylor, Grenada; Cooper Walton, Jackson; R. F. Robinson, Fulton; M. L. Flynt, M.D., Meridian; B. M. Mitchell, M. D., Tylertown; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Alexander, Greenville; and Larry Oles, Tupelo.

These people are available to come to churches and annual associational meetings to talk about volunteer mission opportunities through the HMB.

For those interested in any of the opportunities listed on this page—under short and long term CSC needs—

contact one of these people, Foy Rogers of the Cooperative Missions Department of the MBCB, or the Special Mission Ministries Department of the HMB.

The HMB and the FMB have special two year mission programs for recent college graduates. Their programs are, respectively, US-2 and Journeyman. Appointees serve for two years, receiving stipends and expenses.

For college students, the state BSU appoints students who serve 10 week terms as missionaries for both the FMB and the HMB. The HMB also appoints a large number of students to work in the whole gamut of mission activities. Also, a limited number of assignments are available from the HMB for semester missions—jobs that need to be done in other than summer months. These are also for college students. There's a mission organization for people who like to camp. Contact Rodney Webb of the MBCB for information on that.

Sojourners is for high school students and recent high school graduates who serve ten week terms for the HMB.

And that's still not all of the possibilities. Paul Harrell of the state Brotherhood Department is handling mission coordination especially in the

pioneer areas—newer areas of the SBC. Listed in this issue are needs for a special summer project in Ohio which is among several North Central States which are trying to double their Southern Baptist work in the next few years. Plus, Harrell is available for handling coordination for several other special projects in the US and overseas. He coordinated placing 14 college students for summer mission work in Montana each summer.

Currently, he is developing a system for call up of potential volunteers in case of disaster anywhere in the world and a manpower list for contacting persons with special skills in times of special need. More information on that will be available in the Baptist Record later.

Then, there are people who can make their own contacts with missionaries and need no help with coordination. Unfortunately, the MBCB and the Baptist Record often never hear of many of these projects.

For those who do become involved in mission work trips, especially where there was a life changing experience, please contact the Baptist Record. We will be able to publish a limited number of these experiences. What are not limited are the opportunities for Christian service through mission work trips.

## Ohio Mission Project

Mississippi Baptists have a special opportunity to help the Baptists of the North Central States in their efforts to double Baptist work there, by volunteering for mission work projects in Ohio.

The Ohio needs list has been sent to Paul Harrell, director of the MBCB Brotherhood Department, who is coordinating recruitment efforts for this particular project. An outline of the needs list follows. Any individual or church group wishing to participate contact Harrell at P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

●Boulevard Baptist Church, Mentor, Ohio, needs help in May or the last half of August with evangelism training and bus ministry, need 5-6 workers.

●Hamersville church in Hamersville needs people to help paint the church building in May or June.

●School Street church in Kent, needs additional personnel to staff a Day Camp with an enrollment of approximately 100 children, in August.

●Central church in Akron, needs work done on its old church building in spring or summer. Plumbing and heating needs to be modernized, and some renovation needs to be done. Assistance on materials would be appreciated.

●Beverly church in Beverly, needs 3-4 workers to hold a Vacation Bible School plus possibly a youth revival with assistance from local members, in June or July.

●FBC of Lancaster (Hubert Ave) needs help in May or June with interior painting, sidewalk laying, and landscaping. They are building a new church themselves.

●Northside church of Bethel, wants a survey by youth in June or July.

●Sylvania church of Sylvania, needs help with survey and visitation. Plus it needs a minister of education to lead in a Sunday School Training ACTION program, in the summer.



## WMU Convention

At right are Mr. and Mrs. Dolton Haggan, missionaries serving in Mississippi. They are among the missionaries who will be speaking during the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting in Tupelo, March 21-23.

Below is a complete program. The meeting also features Mrs. Frances Smira, another Mississippian, on the program.

Marjean Patterson is State WMU director.



### Theme: Stand Strong In The Lord

Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo

March 21-23, 1977  
Monday Night

7 p.m. Hymns of Praise  
Prayer  
Greetings from Harrisburg  
Business

Mrs. Kerry Grantham  
Mrs. Emmitt Cross  
Mrs. James Burns

#### Calendar of Prayer

Hymn  
Offering Prayer  
Offering  
Special Music  
STANDING STRONG... in Mississippi  
STANDING STRONG... in Mississippi  
WMU History—Mrs. J. L. Johnson  
Prayer

Mrs. Elmo Simmons

Mrs. John Causey

Blue Mountain College Singers  
Dr. Robert L. Hamblin

Jan Cossitt

Mrs. Joe D. Ray

#### TUESDAY MORNING

9:30 a.m. Hymns of Praise  
Calendar of Prayer  
STANDING STRONG... in Bangladesh  
STANDING STRONG... in Bangladesh  
Honoring Parents of Missionaries  
MY DREAMS AS STATE PRESIDENT  
Hymn  
Offering Prayer  
Offering  
Election of Officers  
Special Music  
STANDING STRONG... in Woman's Missionary  
Union  
STANDING STRONG... in Mississippi  
WMU History—Mrs. A. J. Aven  
Prayer

Mrs. Grantham

Mrs. J. C. Davis

Rev. & Mrs. R. T. Buckley

Mrs. E. M. Kee, Jr.

Mrs. Robert Smira

Mrs. R. J. Reynolds

Mrs. Grantham

Carolyn Weatherford

Jan Cossitt

Mrs. C. A. Sanders

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 p.m. Hymns of Praise  
Calendar of Prayer  
STANDING STRONG... in English Language  
STANDING STRONG... in English Language  
churches overseas  
STANDING STRONG... in HOME MISSIONS  
Curtis Ferrell  
Dolton Haggan  
David Myers  
Frank Ruiz  
Paul Vandercook  
Chee Wu  
MY LIFE... A Product of Home Missions  
STANDING STRONG... in Mississippi WMU  
History—Mrs. Ned Rice  
Prayer

Mrs. Grantham

Mrs. Dolton Haggan

Mrs. Charles Ray

and Rev. & Mrs. L. Parkes Marler

Discussion led by

Rodney Webb

Calvin Isaac

Jan Cossitt

Mrs. Paul Vandercook

#### TUESDAY NIGHT

7:00 p.m. Hymns of Praise  
Prayer  
YOUNG PEOPLE STANDING STRONG IN  
EDUCADOR AND LIBERIA

Mrs. Grantham

Mrs. Harvey Haggard

Mary Jo Stewart and

Rachel Dubard

Greetings  
Special Music  
STANDING STRONG... in Acteens  
MEET THE MISSIONARIES

Carolyn Weatherford and Calvin Isaac

Baptist Young Women Choir

Talitha Edwards

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:30 a.m. Hymns of Praise  
Calendar of Prayer  
STANDING STRONG... in Spain and the  
Philippines  
Hymn  
STANDING STRONG... through  
Mission Study  
THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS IN  
MISSISSIPPI WMU  
Hymn  
STANDING STRONG... in World Missions  
STANDING STRONG... in Mississippi WMU  
History—Mrs. J. T. Lyons  
Prayer

Mrs. Grantham

Mrs. H. L. Murphy

Charles Whitten and

Rev. and Mrs. James Foster

Carolyn Weatherford

Marjean Patterson

Dr. James Richardson

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## CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

## Pastors' Retreat Coming Apr. 18-20

A career guidance consultant, a pastor active in lay renewal, and the executive secretary treasurer of the

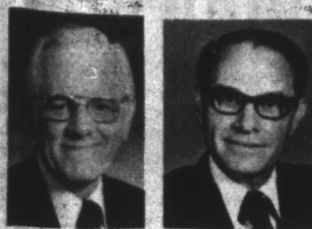
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board are among the featured speakers for a Baptist pastors' retreat, April 18-20.

The retreat, aimed primarily at pastors in North Mississippi will be held at Camp Zion in Myrtle. A retreat for pastors in the southern end of the state will be scheduled later.

Sponsored by the department of Church Administration and Pastoral Ministries of the MBCB, the retreat costs only a \$1.00 registration fee to cover insurance.

Fred McGehee, consultant in career guidance for the Baptist Sunday School Board will speak on building an effective counseling ministry. Emory Wallace, pastor of FBC, DeRidder, La., will deliver four messages on the pastor's relationship role. And Earl Kelly, head of the MBCB, will be teaching the Book of Revelation throughout the retreat.

Program personnel with Mississippi ties are: Paul Brooks, pastor of Woodlawn Church in Vicksburg; John Causey, pastor of FBC, Corinth; Roy Collum, director of evangelism for the MBCB; Guy Culver, missions director for Union County; Bob Gray, minister of music at FBC, New Albany; Gus Merritt, pastor of Clarke-Venable



Wallace

Kelly

church, Decatur; Percy Ray, pastor, Myrtle church; Carl Savell, pastor, Woodville Heights church in Jackson; Ben Scarborough, pastor of New Prospect church in Lafayette County; Len Turner, pastor of Colonial Heights church in Jackson; and Paul Williamson, pastor of Richland church in Jackson.

Leon Emery is director of the retreat-sponsoring department.

## Fort Worth Hosts Area Child-Life Conference

NASHVILLE — How to relate to children and a look at the influences on a child's development will be among the featured topics during a regional Child-Life Conference, April 11-13, at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

The Fort Worth conference, one of two regional conferences planned in April by the children's section of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church training department, is designed for parents, church staff members and other interested persons who work with children.

## CHURCH MUSIC

## Buryl Red Conducts For Young Musicians

Buryl Red, outstanding conductor and composer, will be guest conductor for the State Young Musicians' Festival on March 26.

Some 2,500 4th, 5th, and 6th grade boys and girls from all over the state will gather at the Jackson Coliseum to participate in this event which is sponsored annually by the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dan Hall is department director.

Under Red's direction, the young musicians will perform "A Rhyme, A Riddle, A Song" by Grace Hawthorne and Buryl Red. This collection of worship music for today's children was written to fit many situations and needs, all in unison with optional harmony parts. Drama will also be used with the presentation, involving young musicians from various groups over the state.

Special entertainment will be furnished by Bill Day, a native Mississippi musician who has served several churches in the state. He is now affiliated with Townsend Music Company of Columbus and is known for the

music programs he presents at banquets and other events for adults and young people, as well as for children.

The collection will be presented with taped accompaniment along with live rhythm instruments. Mrs. Jan King of Broadmoor Baptist Church will serve as rehearsal accompanist. The day's activities will begin with registration and seating at 9:15 and will conclude with the concert at 1:45 p.m.

## The Missions Task Financial Diversity

By John Alexander, Director  
Stewardship Department, MBCB

While riding across this beautiful state, a close observer cannot help but notice that there is great diversity in the 1950 Baptist churches. They vary in size, location, and architecture. Another major difference is in their financial affairs. As you ride through the countryside you come upon some of the nations most beautiful Baptist church buildings located in predominantly rural areas. A beautiful building, with well-kept grounds, isn't everything, but one cannot escape the fact that it is one indication of that congregation's feeling toward God. Like King David, they understand that the church house is not just another building! Nearby will usually be a modern, well-kept pastor's home. A nice pastorium indicates how they feel toward their pastor and his family. He certainly deserves as nice a home as the majority of the church members enjoy. Usually these nice church buildings and pastor's homes are possessed by congregations who also have a deep and meaningful commitment to missions. They support the work of the association and give meaningful support to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

Where do these progressive churches obtain the funds to provide such enviable facilities? The funds come from the members of that particular congregation. Across the years they have been taught and committed to the biblical practice of Christian stewardship. There are enough potential resources available in any church community to do anything Christ wants that church to do. These resources are in the possession of God's people, but they must be committed to God's work. The church that does not properly develop its members as informed and committed stewards is robbing its people of their right to the realization of God's blessings on their lives.

Why do some churches have financial problems? Mostly because of a failure on the part of the church to place stewardship education and promotion in its proper place as a regular part of the church program. Programs are available that will match the needs of any church anywhere in the state regardless of background, size, or location.

Churches continue to have financial problems only because church leaders and church people are willing for it to be so. In Acts 6, the church chose seven men to appoint over the financial needs of that early church relating to its distribution problem. There are churches today that desperately need men of good report, full of the Spirit and wisdom, to help with the business of the church. Pastors must have such support and assistance if they are to minister effectively.

Elected church officials are responsible to God for their leadership, or lack of leadership. One hates to call himself a leader when those whom he is supposed to be leading are constantly stepping on his heels! Leaders, to be leaders, must be out in front challenging the people to move forward. They must wave the banner and talk-up the cause until there is adequate progress toward meeting selected goals and objectives.

As one brother said, "It is a crying shame to look at the lack of real leadership in some of our churches. Without leadership they will never be able to escape the grip of mediocrity that enslaves them."

They call and challenge is for leaders to be leaders. Help with almost any problem facing a Baptist church congregation, financial or otherwise, that human resources can solve, is available for the asking. What our Lord said about prayer can also be said about other types of needs in the churches: "Ye have not because ye ask not." Why not utilize the vast human knowledge and resources that are available without cost through your Baptist Building staff? Ask, and you will receive!

One unmistakable indication of real leadership is to know where to get help and get it!

## Violence

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just as it is not going to suddenly vanish from our society. But we are trying to do something about the total amount of violence and the programming that is offensive to the public... By doing so we believe we are recognizing our responsibility to the American public."

## WJFR Broadcast

Jackson Radio Station WJFR-FM will broadcast portions of the Bible Conference to be in progress at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, March 25 and 26, according to an announcement by Robert L. Nations, station manager. The broadcasts can be heard at 96.3 on the FM dial.

## Mississippi Family Life Enrichment Conference April 4, 5, 1977

(A state-wide conference for every family member)

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Begins Monday  
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Ben Loring, Associate, Christian Life Commission of Texas



Hinkle



Howell



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## Ridgecrest To Host 1977 Church REC Week

NASHVILLE — Approximately 40 special interest conferences, designed to increase the effectiveness of Christian recreation leaders in local churches, will be offered during this summer's Church Recreation Conference at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church recreation department, Church Recreation Week is scheduled June 4-10, to begin the 1977 summer season at Ridgecrest. No Church Recreation Conference is scheduled for Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Adults may choose from such conferences as basic and advanced crafts, stitchery, puppet construction, family recreation and recreation for senior adults. Youth topics include creative Bible study, improvisations and dramatic games, table games and campcraft skills.

Separate Bible study and conference schedules will be observed by youth and adults each morning, but afternoon recreation and evening worship services will be held jointly.

Special features for youth will be daily "Spectaculars," presented to involve young persons in creative worship through such recreational tools as puppetry and drama. Also, the youth choir of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., will assist with the week's music program, including a special presentation of the musical "Celebrate Life!"

Program personalities for the week include Wallace Henley, pastor of Old Spanish Fort Baptist Church, Spanish

Fort, Ala., worship leader; Bill Anderson, editor in the Sunday School Board's church music department, music leader; and Paul Powell, pastor of Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler, Tex., adult and youth Bible study leader.

Provisions will be made for children who attend the conference with their parents. Children who have completed the first grade but have not entered the seventh grade will be enrolled in Day Camp. Younger children will be cared for in the Preschool Building.

Reservations for the Church Recreation Conference, which begins with the evening meal on Saturday and concludes the following Friday at noon, may be made by writing Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N.C. 28770. A \$15 conference services fee should accompany each request.

Seoul (RNS) — Six officers of a pharmaceutical company related to the Unification Church of Sun Myung Moon have been indicted here on tax evasion charges. The South Korean government prosecutor's office has charged that the Il Hwa Pharmaceutical Company evaded \$6 million in taxes owed in connection with the production and export of ginseng tea.

Toronto, Ont. (RNS) — Pentecostal churches in French-speaking Quebec have been opening at the phenomenal rate of a church-a-month over the past two years, according to reports of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

## Conferences For Ministers Of Education

NASHVILLE — "One of the greatest needs among ministers of education today is in the area of personal growth," according to Will Beal, consultant in the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "Many times the minister of education knows the how-to's of his work, but he doesn't know the why's of his work."

Beal, who has 20 years of experience as a minister of education, is the coordinator of 12 regional Personal Growth Conferences for Southern Baptist ministers of education planned for 1977.

"One of the objectives of these conferences is to help the minister of education raise the level of his personal and professional esteem," Beal explains. "He is a professional, and he does not need to think that he is second level."

The first Personal Growth Conference was held in Washington, D.C. Jan. 24-26. Dates and locations for the remaining conferences are Richmond, Va., March 21-23; Ridgecrest, N.C., March 28-April 1; Columbia, S.C., April 28-30; Cedarvale, Ky., May 19-20; and Birmingham, Ala., May 26-27.

A \$15 registration fee includes all conference materials and the new book, *The Work of the Minister of Education*. The fee should be sent to Will Beal, Church Administration Department, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234. Housing information will be sent after registration.



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## Editorials

### The Legislature Is Important

The state Legislature is very important in the lives of all of us. We can't always tell what is going on in the halls of our Legislature, but it behooves us to try. A sizeable amount of what goes on has to do with ethics or morality and even religion.

Last year, as readers will recall, the Legislature passed its bill that allows liquor sales at the Jackson airport, which is located in dry Rankin County. Readers may get tired of reading about that, but it is hard to imagine anything any more ludicrous.

Also last year there was a bill passed that makes possible the establishment of wineries in Mississippi with almost no license fee and very little tax as long as the grapes for such wine-making operations, or at least 51 per cent of the grapes, are grown in Mississippi.

So far, according to newspaper reports, there has been one applicant for such a winery—the senator who introduced the bill.

This year there were a number of bills concerning alcohol introduced in the Legislature. Some were good. Some were not. Some died for one reason or another. Some made it to the governor's desk. One of those bills which we could do without but which was passed by both houses nevertheless was the one which will allow liquor sales in resort areas on election days (HB390). This is what is called the

foot-in-the-door technique.

Its passage was supposed to benefit the coast area, where most of the tourists are. Already, however, there are interests at work, again according to news reports, to study the possibility of making Jackson a tourist center.

It's not such a big deal—selling liquor in resort areas on election days. Enough liquor flows on normal days that such a change would be hardly noticeable. And Mississippi, legally, is a dry state. It will not be long before the people who do not live in resort areas will begin to feel they are being put upon in not being able to buy drinks on election days as those who live in resort areas will be able to do. And soon there will come the cry that prohibition in Mississippi is a farce anyway and should be done away with.

Not all liquor bills this year were bad ones. Both the House and the Senate passed bills that would add a 3 per cent markup on alcoholic beverages for the purpose of funding alcoholism treatment and rehabilitation. HB 444 has gone to the Senate Finance Committee. SB 2541 is in the Ways and Means Committee in the House. The 3 per cent markup is to finance treatment for problems caused by alcohol and for rehabilitation for those who have been almost destroyed by it. That's rehabilitation for the drinkers, not for their innocent victims.

The House bill was better before amendment took out the portion that would have allowed financing also for education concerning alcohol and the prevention of alcoholism. There were legislators who fought hard to get those provisions amended back into the bill, but they were voted down.

It all leaves thinking people wondering why. Why are we saddled with a condition for which money has to be appropriated to help clean up the mess it makes? And if we can't be rid of the condition, why is it that we can't at least have some of that money to try to keep it from making such a big mess?

There were other issues of interest to Baptists that were before the Legislature this year. Both houses had bills introduced that would have allowed authorities to deal with pornography. All such bills failed in both houses. Bills were also introduced that would allow certain church properties now being taxed to be tax free.

One of these bills, HB 259, is now before the Senate Finance Committee.

HB 480, the bill that would have established regulations for youth camps, was voted down in the House this week by a vote of 58 to 57.

This session is almost over. It ends April 3. All the action is not over, however. Let's be on the alert for what is still to come before the final adjournment.

### The Fight Pays Off

Last year the state convention passed a resolution seeking to have laws passed in the state allowing authorities to deal with pornography in all its forms. This paper takes that as a mandate to fight pornography in any way it can.

Perhaps not everything that is unsavory could be called pornography, but *Evangelical Newsletter* tells of a scheduled television production that most likely we could do without.

It is a six-hour film that is to be aired on NBC-TV on April 3 and 10. The title is "Jesus of Nazareth." The information from *Evangelical Newsletter* indicates that the film shows Jesus as an ordinary man. It evidently explains the miracles "in terms of paranormal psychology, occult, esoteric sciences." The newsletter quotes the director as claiming that "the public has never wanted to accept Jesus as a man, but only as a God. People need a sublime image, above and beyond reality, in order to maintain their faith." What all of that means is not easy to determine. The film, according to the newsletter, was financed heavily by General Motors and will also be sponsored by the corporate giant. It is a joint effort by NBC, England's A-TV, and Italy's RAI-TV.

Meanwhile, the nation's fight

against violence on television is having its effect. An Associated Press story in Sunday's newspaper indicates that the effort seems to have hit home with the network management, and the word is going out to cut down. The pattern seems to be that the present shows with violent themes will not be eliminated but such shows will be limited in the future.

Some producers are complaining that pressure groups "are crippling any attempt at honesty in drama, honest reality, or just plain entertaining action shows, which people are entitled to."

To which the answer must be, hal-lelujah.

Since when have we wanted to educate our children and teach them moral values by showing them a couple of hours of honest reality every night? We are hoping to make our children better and through them hell make the world better rather than teach them to live as the world lives. We can turn the sets off, as the producers would suggest; but we can't go next door and turn that set off.

An NBC spokesman has said that the network is not unaware of the groups which are complaining about violence and the decision has been "enough of that. We're going to try new avenues."

An ABC executive in a speech has

said that "gratuitous, excessive violence serves no useful purpose."

A CBS program chief declared, "We've been involved in trying to cut down violence since 1968."

A story consultant on one of the shows has said that the program practices area of one network (CBS) is "zealous, perhaps over zealous. I think they are getting stricter."

Producers are saying they are making efforts to live with new controls the networks are placing on their shows. One said it does not pay "to attempt reality. . . There's just too much pressure and strain."

So it seems the effort is paying off. But that doesn't mean a lot up & in order. A letter to the networks expressing appreciation for the anti-violence attitude would be helpful. Here are the addresses:

ABC: Audience Information Dept., ABC-TV, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

CBS: Marjorie Holyoke, Audience Services, CBS-TV, 51 West 52nd St., New York, NY 10019.

NBC: Betty Hoffmann, V-P, Audience Information, NBC-TV, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020.

PBS: Julie Osler, Screening Coordinator, Public Service Broadcasting, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019.

#### Re: Anita Bryant

I am sure by now that you all are already writing something in behalf of Anita Bryant. That has really upset me to think that Singer Sewing Machine Company would cancel a program called "S.E.W." because Anita as a hostess would be too controversial! I am sure that they are not aware of the views of millions of Baptists and I certainly hope that we are going to come out with a voice that is loud and clear against homosexuality and a vote for Anita Bryant.

I have just finished writing a letter to Mr. Edward Trevorrow, Vice President of Singer Sewing Machine Co., Elizabeth, N. J. I am enclosing a copy. Carolyn Peeples Ellis Box 932 Greenwood, Miss. 38930

Mr. Edward Trevorrow  
Vice President  
Singer Sewing Machine Co.  
Elizabeth, N. J.  
Re: Anita Bryant

Dear Mr. Trevorrow:  
I am very disappointed in the Singer Sewing Machine Company cancelling "S.E.W." with Anita Bryant. Not only am I disappointed, I am shocked!

How could you dare not to speak out against what is illegal, immoral and corrosive to our way of life—homosexual behavior. With Anita you could have said "Sing with Singer." Now I will always think of you as "Sing with Sin er"

Carolyn P. Ellis  
Box 932  
Greenwood, Miss. 38932

Thank you very much for this letter, and the point is very well taken. Thankfully, a later report is that Singer has reinstated the show. Editor

## Book Reviews

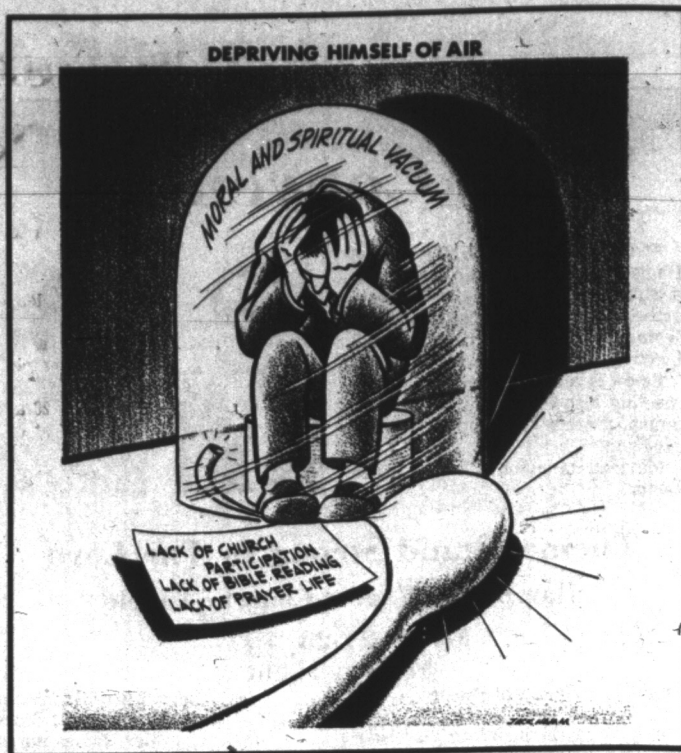
**TEXTBOOKS ON TRIAL** by James C. Hefley (Victor Books, 212 pp., \$6.95) An eye-opening report of objectionable materials found in text-books now in use in many public schools, and of what people can do to rid the schools of these books and induce publishers to produce better ones. This is the story of a Baptist couple in Texas who discovered what was in the books their children were using, and did something about it. It was a long, hard road, but these parents did not give up, and in the power of Christ they did win a victory. The book tells much more as it also discusses the West Virginia textbook battle, and tells of problems elsewhere. This is an important book, and should be read by all Christians who are concerned about the education of our youth.

**THE SINGLE PARENT** by Virginia Watts (Fleming Revell, \$5.95, 163 pp.) To help cope as a parent and attain a personal goal of self-fulfillment, Virginia Watts gives a step-by-step plan for action, emphasizing that the Christian parent is not alone in moving into the new family role—the presence of a loving God will be a sustaining force. Overcoming fear, loneliness, depression, helping children adjust, develop relationships with the opposite sex—all aspects of a new life-style for the single parent are discussed in this invaluable guide.

**OPEN HEART, OPEN HOME** by Karen Burton Mains (David C. Cook, 198 pp., \$5.95) Karen Mains traces her personal awakening to Christian hospitality, the kind that eagerly opens heart and home to outsiders, the troubled as well as the stable, children as well as adults, the transient and permanent. Why? Because the Bible makes hospitality "an injunction, not an option," for the Christian, she says. "The rewards are not only companionship and love, but the opportunity for ministry to needy guests. In this inhospitable world, a Christian home is a miracle to be shared."

**AT THE MASTER'S FEET** by Sadhu Sundar Singh (Fleming Revell, \$3.95, 90 pp.) This is a new edition of a classic written more than half a century ago in the Urdu language. It was translated by Arthur and Mrs. Parker. The Christian evangelism of Sadhu Sundar Singh of India had a lasting impact on many. One of those affected by the depth of his faith was Corrie ten Boom who cites his spiritual example in her book, *In My Father's House*. Within a framework of conversations held between Master and disciple, the author presents his message with arresting parables and brilliant imagery.

**AMERICA: GARDEN OF THE GODS AND Other Messages** by James Robison (Cross Roads Publications, 132 pp., \$5.95) Eight dynamic sermons by one of America's best known and most widely used evangelists of the present hour. Here are messages on Christ and salvation and man's need, just as this warm hearted, fervent witness preached them, in revivals across the land. They are Bible based, clear in interpretation, direct in application, and richly illustrated. This is preaching that reaches hearts.



### Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

One morning a telephone rang in a medium-sized city. When a bank president answered, a policeman's voice gave him the news that his daughter was dead. Three other fathers in the city received a similar message on the same day.

All over the nation people opened their newspapers to read: "Three teen-agers, two girls and a boy, were killed when they were trapped on a railroad trestle about 10 a.m. by a Central of Georgia freight train. A companion on the holiday hunting jaunt jumped from the trestle into the river and was saved."

How could the young people have been so foolish as to cross the trestle, knowing that trains regularly travel that track? Perhaps one suggested using the trestle as a shortcut; the others, afraid of being ridiculed for not conforming, accepted the perilous challenge.

Another newspaper printed the story of two girls dying in a railroad tunnel in much the same way. The following summer a girl died when she fell from slippery rocks above a 50-foot waterfall. The area was plainly marked, "Danger."

I asked myself, "If they value life, why do they treat it so carelessly?" But then I had to admit that if you drive a car anywhere any day of the week, you'll soon find out that it's not just the young people who treat life carelessly. Young and old, men and women, black and white—we drivers are all guilty at one time or another. And I did say "we."

I learned a good lesson one November morning about driving fast in the rain. First, I didn't want to miss Thanksgiving dinner. Too, I knew Daddy had been sick, and I was anxious to see him. Three hundred fifty miles by noon. I thought I could just make it if I held the speedometer on 70. (that WAS before the time of the 55 - mph speed limit.) The

steady rain slowed to a slight drizzle, but the roads were still wet. I'd heard the warnings about "slick when wet" roads, but you know you always think those don't pertain to you.

Usually I try to avoid passing a big truck on a two-lane road, but that morning I was in a hurry. I started to pass the truck, but just as I was even with it the other vehicle struck a deep puddle and slung water across my windshield. Suddenly blinded, I panicked and hit the brakes. Then I found out what it means to lose control of your car. I found out I wasn't so smart after all. When you've lost control, that means you are no longer in control. You go where the car goes. My car swerved sharply to the right, narrowly missing the rear end of the truck (the driver kept going and I suppose never knew what happened to me.)

I was headed for a light post and I was thinking, "Well, this is what it's like to have a wreck. I'm either dead or crippled for life." At the same time I was praying. And I was trying to turn the steering wheel to avoid the post. Probably my tugging at the wheel made the car tip over to the left. Anyhow, it tilted on two wheels and stood poised there for what seemed to be forever, then dropped onto all four again, and stopped. My foot was still on the brake. I had crossed a shallow ditch, missed the post, and hurtled about 150 feet out into a field.

I took a deep breath, dropped my head against the steering wheel, and said, "Thank you, Lord." I backed into the highway and continued my trip. I was late for the holiday dinner because I slowed down—but I did get there.

Not only had I been going too fast. I had been pushing my endurance. I had been careless with my life, and that of the truck driver. Afterward I took time to think of the far-reaching implications of the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill."

### Voting Record On HB 390

The record of the vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate on HB 390, the bill that would allow liquor sales in resort areas on election days, is recorded below. It was felt that Mississippi Baptists would be interested in the vote.

Senate  
Yea — 25; Nay — 22 Absent And/or not voting — 5

Voting "Yea": Alexander; Bodron; Burgin; Cassibry; Corlew; Crook; DeCell; Dewese; Dyer; Fraiser; Gresham; Harpole; Maloney; Molpus; Noblin; Overstreet; Rhodes; Smith; Martin; Smith; David; Stekler; Stone; Strider; Tucker; Walters; Wright.

Voting "Nay": Brooks; Caldwell; Childre; Davis; Ford; Guy; Hickman; Lee; McLeod; Montgomery; Moore; Mulholland; Pickering; Powell; Purvis; Robinson; Smith; Theodore; Stringer; Summers; Waldrop; Watkins; Wilson.

Absent and/or not voting: Ellington; Ingram; Nix; Sanford; Yarbrough.

#### House Of Representatives

Yea — 81; Nay — 36; Absent — 8

Voting "Yea": Abraham; Anderson, D.; Anderson, R. G.; Anderson, R. E.; Andrews; Arrington; Atkinson; Banks; Blessey; Blount; Brown; Buelow; Case; Chambliss; Clark, R. G.; Coleman; Compretta; Cossar; Deaton; Disharon; Dolan; Doxey; Edwards; Endris; Ferguson; Fortenberry; Goliott; Gordon; Grist; Halbrook; Hall; Harrod; Havens; Hendry; Herring; Hollinger; Holmes; J. S.; Horne; Huggins; Jackson; Jolly; Lambert; Levi; Lippian; Lynn; Manning; McDade; McIngvale; McInnis; Merideth; Millette; Morrow; Neal; Neblett; Nipper; O'Beirne; O'Keefe; Owens; Pearson; Perry; Pierce; Poindexter; Presley; Price; Rane; Richardson; Sanderson; Shumake; Simpson; Smith, J. L.; Stennis; Stringer; Stubbs; Sumner; Walman; Wells; Wilkerson; Williams, C. V.; Williams, G. B.; Wiseman; Newman.

Voting "Nay": Benjamin; Brooks; Buchanan; Burkes; Canon; Clark, R. O.; Cook; Cross; Pooshee; Gilbreath; Haynes; Hollingsworth; Holmes; C.; Johnson, J. E.; Johnson, L. C.; Livingston; Long; Mabry; McCall; McCary; Miller; Montgomery; Nunnally; Rogers; Scooper; Simmons; Smith, W. O.; Turner; Wilburn; Williamson.

Absent: Barefield; Buckley; Campbell; Capps; Hughes; Kilpatrick; Smith, H. L.; Williams, K. O.  
Present: Bryan; Pennebaker; Tedford.

## Guest Editorial

### Baptists And Booze

A very well-known public relations expert stated in a meeting in Kansas City a few years ago that all he knew about Southern Baptists was that they kept him from drinking cocktails at Lambert Field (St. Louis airport). In a backhanded way he paid Southern Baptists a compliment. Even those who voted for cocktails were included. The gentleman was aware that Baptists and booze were not allies and that the "traditional" Baptist position was total abstinence.

Most (many? some?) Baptist churches have adopted a church covenant which states "to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage." The covenant is usually adopted "unanimously" and forgotten. New church members rarely know of its existence and there is no provision in the covenant to encourage adherence.

An old prohibition campaign rebut-

tal was that "Baptists vote dry and drink wet." There is a lot of evidence to support this and it is not limited to alcoholics, winos, and the derelicts whose names are still on some Baptist church role.

The new president of the Sunday School Board, Dr. Grady C. Cotten, recently told staff members that he would personally institute action against any member of the staff who practiced the use of beverage alcohol. The writer received this information from "a very reliable source" and hastens to commend Dr. Cotten for bringing this matter out in the open.

Perhaps this would not be a bad suggestion for all agency heads, and we do mean all. To mention any one would be to cast doubt, so all seems to be a better word. It is also a very appropriate word.

Several months ago a Baptist leader predicted that the drinking of wine would be common at Baptist tables in the United States. It is not unusual at Baptist tables in many foreign countries and neither is beer. Those who tour foreign mission fields soon realize that the use of beer and wine is closely related to cultures and certain countries. California produces about 90% of the domestic wine supply for the United States. Wine is part of their existence and culture. Will Baptists in wine-producing areas adopt the glass of wine with the meal as certain foreign countries do? Time will tell.

P.S. While alcohol has been described as a national disgrace in the U.S. and has been declared a killer on the highways and as a family, and business destroyer, it is rarely denounced publicly from the pulpit and secular agencies are doing a better job of teaching the bad effects of it than most church agencies.

By O. L. Bayless  
Former Editor  
Rocky Mountain Baptist

## Letters To The Editor

#### Praise For BR

Dear Sir:  
Enclosed you will find the amount of fifty cents for the Centennial issues of the Baptist Record.

Also, I want to take this means to tell you may our Lord continue to bless and keep you close to Him while we are apart but we are close in our hearts. Keep up the good works on the putting out of such a blessed newspaper. It's like the Bible. It's undeniably good, and gives strength to the weak and keeps you from stumbling and being faint-hearted. It helps us toward the prize of the high calling of God through His Son as we walk toward the Golden Streets to the new Jerusalem. Through reading, life gets sweeter than the day before.

Until I receive my copy of the Centennial Baptist Record, I remain —

Mrs. Mary V. Stephens  
Jackson, Ms. 39204

Church where I have been pastor for almost four years. I expect to be back in the pulpit before the end of March.

In an attempt to praise God for using so many instruments to bless my life, I praise Christians everywhere who prayed and shared their Christian Concern with me and my family. I have always felt that we had a great team in our Baptist Building leading Mississippi Baptists and I have found Dr. Earl Kelly and many others in the Building to be very responsive to every need — this was a very humbling experience for both me and my family. I wish to use this means to express deep gratitude to friends everywhere and especially to a wonderful Church, Northcrest, which carried on in such a fine way in the absence of the pastor. I shall never cease to Thank God for you all.

Rev. Chris C. Cornelius

Meridian

#### Skinner At Ole Miss

Dear Sir:  
The Department of Religious Life at the University of Mississippi and the Committee of 100, an interdenominational campus-wide group which encourages spiritual growth on campus, are sponsoring the appearance at Ole Miss of the Reverend Tom Skinner on Tuesday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. in Fulton Chapel. We would appreciate it very much if you could assist us in our efforts to make this program known across our state by mentioning it in The Baptist Record either late in March or early in April.

Polly F. Williams  
Director of Religious Life

#### Pastor Says Thank You

Dear Sir:  
I have been a pastor in Mississippi for 24 years and I was permitted to look at real Christianity in action recently. The first of February I suddenly discovered that I needed open heart surgery. On February 7, at Baptist Hospital, a very complicated surgery was performed. On February 9 I was placed in a room and began walking daily. On February 17, I was permitted to return home to Meridian, Miss. and the Northcrest Baptist

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# SBC Among Top Denominations In Foreign Mission Personnel

MONROVIA, Calif. (RNS) — The new edition of Mission Handbook issued by World Vision International here reveals that Protestant missions from North America are "doing well" worldwide, with an upsurge of youth involvement.

Mission Handbook, published triennially by the Mission Advanced Research and Communication Center (MARCC) division of World Vision, contains information on 620 Protestant agencies working in 182 countries outside the U.S. and Canada.

Total mission giving in the U.S. and Canada is up from \$393 million in 1972 to \$656 million in 1975, according to the new 11th edition of Mission Handbook. Giving for missions outstripped inflation by 29 per cent. Some 37,000 of the total estimated World Protestant mission force of 55,000 come from the U.S. and Canada.

Eward R. Dayton, director of MARC and handbook editor, said young people appear to be increasingly interested in the missions.

He said mission agencies have responded to this interest, with 60 per cent reporting development of Summer youth programs. Some mission agencies are geared especially for short-term youth, including Youth With A Mission with 1,000 short-termers, Teen Missions with 745 and Operation Mobilization with 200 from North America and hundreds from other countries.

The new handbook shows that missionaries are involved in a variety of services: 25 per cent are involved in direct communication of the Christian message with the purpose of winning men and women to Christ and making disciples; 25 per cent are engaged in

helping to strengthen national churches.

Although there are 620 agencies, the majority of missionaries and funds for overseas ministries continue to be concentrated in about 18 agencies, which comprise more than 50 per cent of the overseas force. Some 26 agencies accounted for 50 per cent of all reported income from North America.

In terms of overseas personnel, the largest agencies were: Wycliffe Bible Translators (2,693); Southern Baptists (2,667); Seventh-day Adventists (1,360); Churches of Christ (1,296); Assemblies of God (1,081); Baptist Mid-Missions (905); and TEAM (892).

In terms of 1975 income for overseas ministry, the leading agencies were: Southern Baptists (\$52 million); Seventh-day Adventist (\$25 million); Church World Service of the National Council of Churches (\$23.5 million); Assemblies of God (\$22.1 million); World Vision International (\$20.6 million).

Brazil continues to receive the largest number of missionaries (2,068), followed by Japan (1,545), Mexico (1,209), the Philippines (1,159), and Kenya (929). Some 36 per cent of the overseas Protestant missionary force are in Latin America, 30 per cent in Asia, and 26 per cent in Africa.

## Deacons Do Live To See 100:



James Muroock (Jim) McLeod, honorary deacon and a member of Paul Truitt Church, Rankin County, celebrated his 100th birthday on Thursday, Feb. 3. He was ordained as a deacon at Harrisville Church when he was a young man, and led the singing at that church for 60 years.

It was in Harrisville that he was born 100 years ago, and he has lived in that Simpson County town most of his life.

In 1904 he married Mary Clark of Mountain Creek, Rankin County. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1954. After she died in 1958, Jim lived with his daughter, Ramie Phillips, in Rankin County until December of 1976 when he returned to Harrisville to live with his son, DeWitt, on "the old home place."

There are 54 persons now in McLeod's family. All seven of his children were present for his 100th birthday celebration. They are Royce and Verna McLeod, Ruth Currie, Ramie and Macon Phillips, all of Jackson, Irene Touchton of Hattiesburg, W. D. and Mary Louise McLeod of Mendenhall, J. C. McLeod of Grand Bay, Alabama, and DeWitt and Esther McLeod of Harrisville.



## President's Pastor

In a reflective mood, Charles A. Trentham sits in his office at First Baptist Church, Washington, and discusses his role as President Carter's pastor. The 57-year-old minister says he hopes to use his opportunity as the President's pastor and as pastor of other governmental leaders to do something positive for the nation from a Christian perspective. (BP) Photo by Joel Richardson, Washington Post. Used by special permission of the Post.

## Homecoming At Holly Springs

Holly Springs Church, Lincoln County, will observe homecoming March 20. Guest speaker will be former pastor George C. Turnage of Silver Creek. Terry Walker, music director of New Sight (Lincoln) will be in charge of the music. Services will begin with Sunday School at 10 followed by worship service at 11. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. The afternoon service, beginning at 1:30, will be devoted to gospel singing. All offerings for the day will go for the upkeep of the cemetery, according to Pastor Glen McInnis.

been given to the church and will occupy a shelf in the church library as the "Jerry Flowers Collection."

Pine Grove community is forever enriched by having had this quiet, chastened and humble disciple of Jesus in their midst. Each of his contemporaries will treasure his own special memories of what this transformed and beloved young man has meant to his own spiritual growth.

(Written by his pastor, Dr. B. F. Smith.)

## Fire Destroys Terry's Creek Pastor's Home

The parsonage of Terry's Creek Church near Magnolia has been totally destroyed in a fire. Pastor John Hedgepeth and his family lost all of their clothes and other belongings in the fire.

Fire was discovered in the two-story, brick home between 1:30 and 2 a.m. One of the daughters alerted the family when a piece of burning ceiling fell on her bed. The family got out safely. There are six children ranging in age from 7 to 17. All live at home.

The house was seven years old and the church of 370 members had \$28,000 worth of insurance on it. The pastor's family had no insurance on the contents.

Terry's Creek Church is in Pike Association. Daniel West is the association director of missions.

The church had established a pastor's fund committee. The chairman is James Rimes, and his address is Route 3, Magnolia MS 39652.

Hedgepeth didn't lose his entire library because much of it is located in the church building. He did have some books in his house, however.

The church is trying to find a way of locating the family on the church field until the house can be rebuilt. Presently the family is staying with a relative in Monticello.

London (EBPS) — Although the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland has had women ministers since the year 1920, Baptist women have called upon their churches to stop thinking of them as second class members. A recent conference at Baptist Church House here which drew 150 women from many parts of England and Wales led to the conclusion that all too often women are regarded as inferior to men, at the local church level.

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# Jeremiah Flowers

January 18, 1935—January 20, 1977

By B. F. Smith, Pastor Pine Grove Baptist Church

Death came quietly to Jerry Flowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Flowers, Sr., Route 2, Ellisville about 4:30 on the afternoon of January 20, two days after his 42nd birthday. At age 17 Jerry was paralyzed in a high diving accident in Leaf River. He had been strong, a halfback on his high school football team, and fearless of danger.

For three years after his accident, Jerry was bitter, resentful, given much to complaining, refusing to believe or accept the possibility that he might not recover. He made life fairly miserable even for those who cared for him. Then, partly through the patient ministry of Rev. James Goodman and partly through his own introspection regarding his spiritual condition, he let Jesus take care of his life and destiny. Lying on a cot, he was baptized in a small lake near his home and became a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church. From then on, he was a model patient, cheerful, loving, and appreciative of family and friends. His many visitors, some from far away always came away with a spiritual life, and a testimony to the transforming power of Jerry's God.

The entire large Flowers family — parents, sisters, brothers, nieces,

nephews — reordered their whole life style around Jerry's needs, to give him the round-the-clock care he required. In later years this included turning his body every half hour. The precise schedule of care agreed on by family members was kept without complaint, and their own family affairs seemed to prosper under the discipline. As one brother put it, "He kept our family united as it never could have been otherwise."

His room was fitted with hospital bed, radio, television with remote control, all the books he could read, and a bed rack that enabled him to turn pages with his tightly clenched hands. Personnel from the county health department made checks periodically, and occasionally he would have to go to the hospital briefly. His last hospital-

ization lasted about two weeks.

Through reading Jerry became very well educated in the Bible and in religion, philosophy, science, history and current events. Always his Christian witness was positive and persuasive. Many family members accepted Christ or had their nominal church membership vitalized due to his prayers and his silent testimony. Five made public profession at his funeral and were baptized the following day — his father, two sisters, a brother and a brother-in-law. Of all those he influenced, some were first-time professions and some came from another denominational background in which they had been reared. So for 22 years Pine Grove Church has had a missionary as effective as any ever sent out by our boards. Jerry's books have

## Highland Members Phone Missionaries

Highland Church, Meridian, observed "Home Missions Day in Sunday School" on March 6. Persons making each youth and adult department presentation contacted by telephone one missionary listed in the prayer guide for home use and talked about the mission work and special needs.

A feature of the department presentation was the relating of these needs to department members. Mrs. W. L. Jones, W.M.U. director and originator

of the presentation, stated, "This was one of the best highlights on mission emphasis we have had, because we had a personal touch with our missionaries at home."

Missionaries featured were: James Ponder, Jacksonville, Florida, presented by Mrs. W. L. Jones; John Henry Thomas, New Orleans, Louisiana, presented by Mrs. Elmo McLaurin; Marjorie Gardner, Cincinnati, Ohio, presented by Mrs. Ronald Wells; Juanita Elston, Warm Springs, Oregon, presented by Tanya McLaurin; B. J. Williamson, Rochester, Minnesota, presented by Melinda Smith; Rhonda Tyson, Montebello, California, presented by Elaine Jones; John Davis, Utica, New York, presented by Mrs. Cecil Roberson; and Joseph Peterson, Yampa, Colorado, presented by Mrs. Maudine Buie.

J. C. Hamilton is pastor at Highland. Elmo McLaurin is minister of education.

## MC Award Goes To T. B. Brown

T. B. Brown, President of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary of Jackson, has been awarded the "Service to Humanity" award by Mississippi College for his outstanding contributions as a pastor and a leader in the field of Christian education.

Brown received his bachelor of science degree from Jackson State University and the master of arts from Northwestern University. In 1959, he received his B.D. from New Orleans Seminary and was later honored with the Doctor of Divinity degree from Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

Brown has served for more than 18 years as pastor of the Mt. Helm Church in Jackson, the oldest Baptist church in central Mississippi established exclusively for ministry to blacks. He has served for 17 years as a teacher - missionary for Mississippi Baptist Seminary.



Left to right: Pastor, Jerry W. Stevens, Bob Mishler, Mrs. Sterling Thrower, Sterling Thrower, Dale McNeese, Lee Roy Lollar, Jr., Stanley Harpole, David Taylor and Waymon Goodman. (Photo by James Salley)

## Calvary Celebrates Five-Star Sunday

Calvary Church, Columbus, observed Five-Star Sunday on February 27 in which they dedicated a recently purchased lot, a new building, a sanctuary organ and piano, and an activities bus.

The new building houses a large fellowship hall, modern kitchen, and Sunday School rooms.

The bus was bought several months ago to transport members on tours, to retreats, to camps, and to other church-related activities.

Pastor Jerry Stevens delivered the dedicatory message.

During the services, Charles House, chairman of deacons, offered the invocation.

Building Committee Chairman Bob Mishler, presented the keys to the new building to Pastor Stevens on behalf of the church. Others on program were members of the Building Committee: James Salley, Charlie Shepherd, David Taylor, and Stanley Harpole. Waymon Goodman, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, offered the dedication prayer.

Construction has begun on a new site of offices to be located in the old fellowship hall. These will provide space for the pastor, minister of music and youth, B. T. Fancher, and secretary, Mrs. Inez Adair.



## YOUTH WEEK 77

## Unity Youths At Pascagoula To Take Part In A Trialogue

Young people, parents, and workers with youth will get together Friday night, March 18, at Unity Church, Pascagoula, for a trialogue, or a time of communication and conversation.

March 18-20 is Youth Week 77, and the trialogue at Unity is one of hundreds being held in Southern Baptist churches across the nation. The theme for the week is "Youth Discovering Discipleship."

Danny Von Kanel, minister of music and youth at Unity, says, "Youth week is an expression of our church's confidence in its youth as its eventual leaders. Through this major youth emphasis, our adults will see youth actively sharing their Christian faith. All young people in Jackson County are invited to participate."

The week at Unity began with the youth being invited to the Brotherhood Prayer Breakfast on Sunday morning. Then each youth teacher visited in the class or group he or she would be leading during the week, to observe methods used.

At the morning service March 13, Pastor Nolan Mapp presented the key of the church to Andy Tillman, youth pastor, a junior at Pascagoula High School.

Monday was designated as Commitment Day. Tuesday and Saturday were set for visitation reach-out. A covered dish dinner will be an event of Saturday, the 19th, followed by continued visitation of prospects.

On Wednesday night, the young

people led the Wednesday evening prayer/discipleship service.

Thursday, the 17th, is to focus on phone calls. In Phone Reach-out, each youth will call members of the class or group he is leading and ask for their prayers and support.

Sunday, March 20, young people will assume all leadership and teaching positions in Sunday School and Church Training. At the close of the evening service, the youth pastor will return the church key to the pastor.

Then, to close the week's activities, the young people are sponsoring a church-wide fellowship for Sunday evening after the worship service.



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The kind you split firewood with. And that's why he gave it to me. So that when all the men around here are out of pocket — and that's often since they've all grown up — and I burn up all the split wood, I have a lightweight axe that I can handle to split some more.

It has been nice, though, because I have learned that I am not really an old dog. Because you can't teach an old dog new tricks, and I have learned the trick of splitting wood, so that removes me from the old category.

It has reminded me, too, of something all of us have to be reminded of every once in a while: with most enjoyment comes added responsibility. There is no way to say how much I have enjoyed the fireplace we installed last fall. But it added a bit of work — like cleaning up after the fireplace. Next to a boy, I think a fireplace is about the messiest thing in the world. And like helping keep the wood ready to burn. I'd say it is worth it, so far as boys and fireplaces are concerned.

It also did something else. It added another reason to the long list of reasons why I'm glad spring is here. That axe is standing in a corner until next winter. Unless some drastic weather comes along.

Isn't that something? All James meant to do when he gave me that axe was to be sure I didn't get stranded without firewood on a cold, cold day. But look at all the other benefits it gave me, making me think about all these other things.

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## Calvary, Jackson, Plans Two-Day Seminar For Formerly Marrieds

Two seminars for formerly marrieds will be held at Calvary Church in Jackson Sunday, March 20 and March 27, according to Joe H. Tuten, pastor.

Each seminar will be held from 6 to 7:15 p.m. with a fellowship hour set for 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, of the faculty of William Carey College will lead the seminar March 20, using as her subject "Single Parenthood."

Bill Washburn, an insurance agent of Jackson, will lead the seminar for March 27, using as his subject "The Second Marriage and Mended Hearts."

Tuten said that any formerly marrieds are invited to attend the seminars. There will be church training for children and nursery will be open.

A special event, a covered dish supper and gym party for any formerly

married parents and children will be held Friday, March 18 at the church at 6:30 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring casseroles, salads or desserts.

### Weber To Begin

#### Pre-Easter Series

Jaroy Weber, pastor of First Church, Lubbock, is preaching the "Baptist Hour" sermons through May.

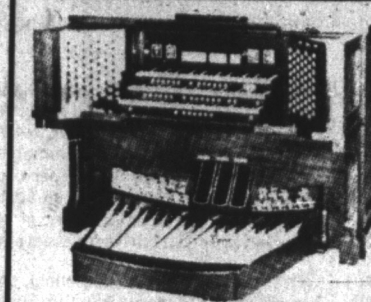
"The Baptist Hour" is a half-hour radio program produced and syndicated on 366 stations around the world by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

In the March 20 Baptist Hour sermon, Weber begins a series of four sermons preparing listeners for the Easter celebration. The first one is a study of the Garden of Gethsemane.

with meats, bread and the like to be furnished. The nursery will be open for younger preschool children.

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## Tate Accepts Call To Gulf Coast Social Ministry

Robert C. Tate Jr., has accepted the position as part time Christian social minister for the Gulf Coast Association and the Jackson County Association.

Tate is currently serving as chaplain in the US Navy and will continue in this position until the end of this year. During the remainder of the year he will serve the two associations in a part time capacity, becoming full time at the end of 1977.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M; a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Golden Gate Seminary; Master of Theology from Princeton Seminary, and Doctor of Ministry from Eastern Theological Seminary.

He lives at Handsboro.

## Corinth Church Treasurer Dies

Elwood Little of Tallahatchie Association recently died, suddenly. He had been a life-long member of the Corinth Church (Tallahatchie) near Scobey and had served that church faithfully as a teacher and, for 23 years, as church treasurer.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Thomas Little, and one daughter, Melanie Little.

One of the church members stated, "His wonderful Christian life will be greatly missed by the entire community as well as his church."

## Mrs. Don O'Quinn Dies At Charleston

Linda O'Quinn, wife of Donald O'Quinn, pastor of First Church, Charleston, died Sunday night, March 6, at the age of 37. Ministers officiating at the March 8 funeral service at First Church, Charleston, were John Brock, Allan Stephens, J. Roy McComb, and Robert Self.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Margaret Ann, 12, and one son, Alan Morris, 7.

Mrs. O'Quinn's death was sudden and unexpected. At church time Sunday night she felt too ill to go with her family, though her son was to be baptized in the evening service. When they returned from church the family found that she had died in their absence.

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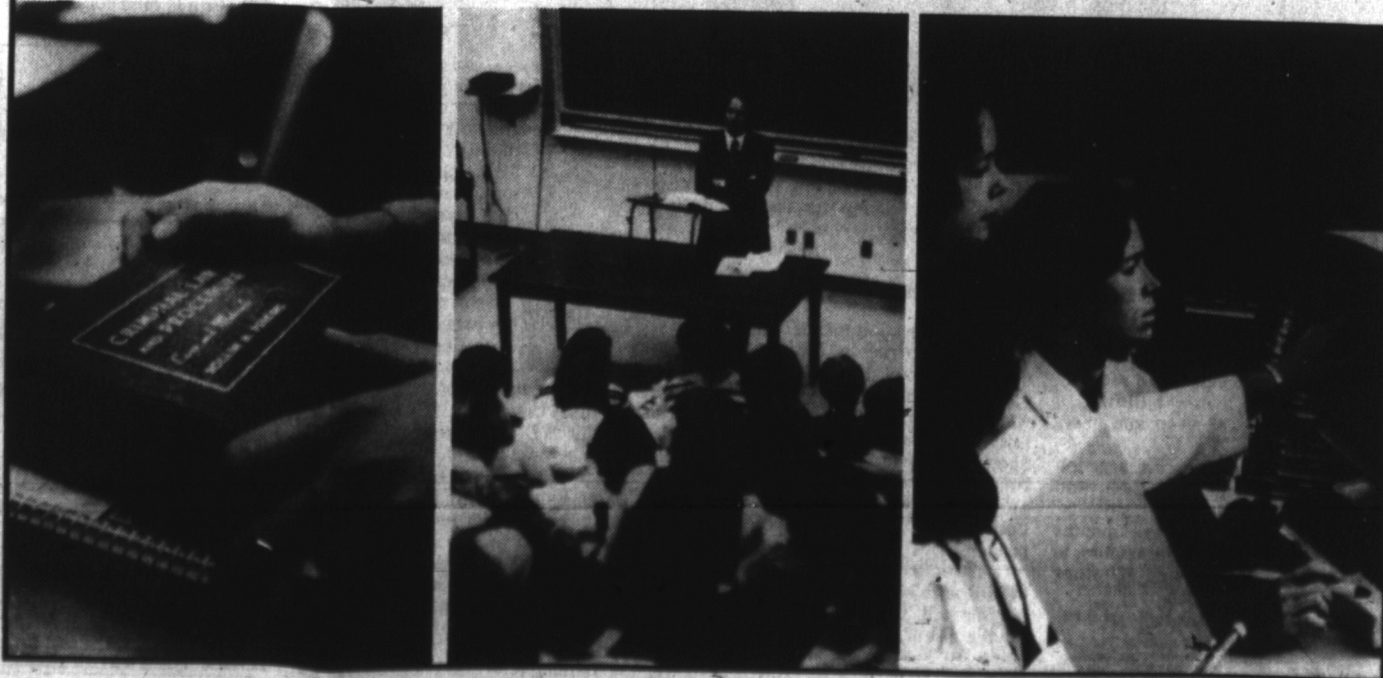
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## Names In The News



Gloria Roe, left, was elected to the "Sacred Music Hall Of Fame". Robert G. Lee, right, made the presentation. She went to his Memphis church to sing when she was 15 years old. He has been a spiritual father to her, though her training was in the home of Mennonite immigrant grandparents.

Cliff Temple Baptist Church ordained David Upton and Danny Goldman to the deacon ministry Sunday night, February 27.

The pastor Bryant Hazlip, presented them with a certificate of ordination and a gift copy of the book *The Ministry of the Deacon*.

Howard Carpenter, member of First Church, Senatobia, and past president of the state Baptist Brotherhood, received the outstanding Citizen of the Year Award from the Senatobia Chamber of Commerce, Feb. 25 at the annual banquet. A teacher for 34 years, Carpenter is a member of the faculty in the education department of Northwest Mississippi Junior College at Senatobia. He is married to the former Edna Boone. Four of their five children are teachers. While participating in summer mission work he has spoken to groups in many parts of the country. The Winona native was the originator of the PeeWee Baseball program for 4 and 5-year-old boys in Senatobia. As chairman of the Tate County Historical Society, he edited *A History of Tate County*.

Byron Mathis, pastor of Calvary, Pascagoula, is author of an article in the March Baptist Program, titled "Give to Show His Love."

Bethel Church (Copliah) has ordained Vance E. Windom, Jr. to the gospel ministry. On December 5, 1976, Nola Church, Lawrence Association, extended their call to him as pastor. Upon the request of Nola Church, Bethel proceeded with the ordination. Participating in the services were Ricky Kennedy, pastor at Bethel, Doug Warren, pastor of Calvary in Silver Creek, and H. B. Speights, former pastor of Bethel. Windom is married to the former Denise Tyson of Southern Hills Church, Jackson, a graduate of Clarke College. The couple is living on the church field at Nola. He is a sophomore at Copliah-Lincoln Jr. College, and plans to study next year at Mississippi College. His address is Route 1, Sontag, Miss. 39665.



Debbie Lindsey, left, missionary kid and nursing student at William Carey College gets acquainted with some of the family of the late Elaine Pearson of Hattiesburg. Debbie, the daughter of Robert Lindsey and Mrs. Lindsey of Jerusalem, Israel, is the first to receive a scholarship from the fund set up to honor Mrs. Pearson, outstanding church and civic leader who died in 1974. Mrs. Pearson's mother, Alice Coleman, shares Debbie's playful moment with great-grandson, Nathan Hurt, as her daughter, Ann Hurt, looks on.

Mrs. Pearson's husband, Glen, is on the Carey Board of Trustees.

Terry Phillip Johnson, music student at William Carey College, presented his senior organ recital on March 3, in the sanctuary of Temple Church in Hattiesburg. A music education major, he is organist for the United Methodist Church of Terry. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Johnson of Terry.



Deacons of First Church, Ocean Springs, sponsored a reception March 6 at the church in expression of gratitude to Paul David Aultman for 12 years of ministry to the church. Aultman has led in the erection of a new sanctuary, offices and additional Sunday School room, activities building, and pastorium, and in the purchase of additional land, renovation of existing buildings, and increasing the budget five-fold. During his tenure as pastor at Ocean Springs, 1700 have been added to the church, 400 for baptism. Front row, above, are Johnathan Paul and Mark Andrew Aultman. Back row: James David, Kathleen, and Paul David Aultman.

Mrs. A. R. McCool, Jr., 1294 North Congress, Jackson, Mississippi WCTU state director of projection methods, was among 21 temperance leaders from 13 states who attended the 32nd Annual National Woman's Christian Temperance Union Leadership Training School held at the organization's national headquarters at Evanston Ill. March 8-16. Juanita Whisler of Evanston, the national union's promotion secretary, and director of its Department of Organization, presided over the classes.

Donald (Don) Moore, who entered full-time evangelistic music ministry on January 3, 1977, is now living at Aberdeen, and is a member of First Church, Aberdeen. Moore is available for revivals, concerts, supply, or other ministries related to music and youth. His address is Box 634, Aberdeen, MS 39730 (phone 369-9137).

James Whittington is the new pastor of Emmanuel, Biloxi. A native of Terry, he has been pastor of several churches in Mississippi and has also served as full-time evangelist.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Virgil Cooper, missionaries to Korea, may be addressed at P. O. Box 76, Pusan 600, Korea. He was born in Water Valley, Miss. Before they were appointed in 1971, he was pastor of Tangipahoa Church, Summit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Gomon, missionaries to the Philippines, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: 2444 Taft Ave., Manila, Philippines). A native of Mississippi, he was born in Franklin County.

Tommy Titus has accepted the call to become associate pastor at Southside Church, Jackson. Native of Helena, Arkansas, he is married to Michele Besse (Micky) and they have two children: Tommy, 10, and Carl, 6. Titus is a graduate of Clarke College and is presently attending Mississippi College. Ordained by Olivet Church, Gulfport, he has served as pastor of Conehatta Church for three years. He will serve Southside as Associate Pastor and will be responsible for Ministry in Education, Activities, and Outreach.

Nancy Ellis Robertson, assistant professor of music (voice) and director of the Blue Mountain College Singers, was selected to perform in the Conductor's Chorus at the national convention of the American Choral Directors Association, March 9-12, in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Robertson sang in both the 80 voice and 50 voice choirs which performed the closing concert. Conductor of the chorus was Helmut Rilling, famed German choral conductor. The concert and portions of the convention were filmed by Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen (2nd German Television Network) of Mainz, Germany as part of a sixty-minute television documentary scheduled to be shown in Germany and parts of Austria, Belgium, France, and East Germany in November, 1978.

## The Disturbing Christ

By Bobby C. Perry, First, Moss Point

We most often think of the Messiah as the Comforter who comes with healing in His wings, speaking peace to troubled hearts. But Isaiah writes: "So shall he startle many nations..." (Isa. 52:15, RSV). Here the Messiah is seen as one who disturbs, startles, and confounds. For some he will be a Deliverer, for others a Disturber. Christ endangers the thought patterns and way of life of those who hear Him.

First, Christ disturbs closed and prejudiced minds. It has been said that there is no pain like the pain of a new idea. We all have our own little thought-world that we do not want disturbed. The closed mind of the first century passed Bethlehem by despite the prophet Micah's word that the Messiah was to be born there. The closed mind of Nathaniel answered Phillip's invitation to come and see Jesus with the question, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"—and yet Jesus hallowed Nazareth by spending thirty years of His life there. None of our prejudices are safe in the presence of Christ.

In the spring of 1924, Negro troops were stationed in Germany, and there was a great deal of resentment against them. Roland Hayes, the American Negro tenor, was touring Europe and had scheduled a concert in Berlin. When he appeared to sing, the audience hissed and booed. Hayes waited until they were quiet and then sang Schubert's, "Thou Art My Peace." The audience listened in hushed silence. After it was over, Roland Hayes said that this was not a personal victory but the victory of a force that sang within him and subdued the hatred of the audience. We, too, may know that power; it is the power of the disturbing Christ who will have no part with our prejudices.

Second, Christ disturbs selfish interests. His stand on greed and exploitation is startling indeed. Listen to Him: "Whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it." Was it not dangerous for the rich young ruler to come to Jesus with the question, "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" For Jesus reply was, "Go, sell what you possess and give to the poor... and come follow me." The price was too great. The young man loved his possessions too much; and he went away sorrowful.

Christ still stands as the greatest menace to greed and selfishness. We need desperately to learn that any evil promoted for selfish gain at the expense of human personality must face the condemnation of Christ.

Third, Christ disturbs those who casually and formally profess religion. To those who came to worship he said, "Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven." To be insincere in Christ's presence is always dangerous.

When we come into the Lord's presence we should always be searching our hearts to see what he sees. Too many of us have the outward form but inwardly are, as Jesus said to the Pharisees, "full of dead men's bones." Christ always sees us for what we really are.

## Buie To Illustrate Bible Stories, In Chalk, At Bovina Revival Meet

James Buie will lead the March revival at Bovina Church, Vicksburg, March 20-25. Previously an association mission for seven years, Bovina will be experiencing the first revival effort as a constituted church. Buie will illustrate Bible stories and Bible truths using canvas board, colored lights, black light with fluorescent chalk, and rheostats.

Buie has given similar programs extensively in Europe and East Africa and in the southern U.S. He has served as pastor in Georgia, Louisiana, Mis-

issippi, and Texas, as well as missionary in Madrid, Spain. He now is minister of special ministries for First Church, Baton Rouge.

The music program at the Bovina revival will be under direction of Charlie Caldwell, lay leader from First Church, Vicksburg. Jasper Collins, pastor, states that the evening services will begin at 7:30.

Strange how much you've got to know before you know how little you know.—Anonymous

## Sunday School Lesson: International For March 20

# The Way Of Forgiving Love

By Wm. J. Fallis  
Luke 15

Two weeks ago we began our study of four key emphases in Jesus' teachings. That first one was unselfish service, which can be done for anyone—a family member or a stranger. The second emphasis was authentic fellowship with God in prayer. Thus, active service was balanced with communion with God.



Today we look at another plane of human experience—repairing personal relationships. This is not a matter of serving others; it involves appreciating, judging, trusting, and forgiving others. A word, a gesture, an oversight—almost anything can begin the tension that leads to resentment in personal relationships. Healing will require something even more than prayer.

The Lesson Explained  
The Son Who Came To Himself (vv. 17-19)

This is the third parable Jesus told when he heard that Pharisees were criticizing his willingness to welcome and eat with sinners—those who did not live up to the Jewish law. Jesus saw them as lost and worth saving. After telling about the lost sheep and lost coin, he pictured a home with a father and two sons. Although the younger son seemed to have no special problems, he demanded his inheritance—as though the father were already dead—and traveled to a far country. There "he wasted his money in reckless living" (TEV). During a famine he was so desperate that he was willing to care for pigs.

At last "he came to himself" and began to remember who he was and what it was like back home. Even the hired workers would have more than enough to eat, but the younger son was starving. So, he made up his mind to go back and admit to his father that he had made a mess and would be glad to work for wages if he would let him. He had sinned against both God and his father.

The Father Who Was Glad To Forgive (vv. 20-24)

We don't know how distant the "far country" was—perhaps several days' journey, but we do know that while the boy "was yet a great way off, his

father saw him" and ran to meet him. That was the kind of father he was. Despite the wanton selfishness of the boy, his father was always ready to forgive him.

But forgiveness in the Bible is always a response to repentance. So the relationship of the father and son could not be made right until they came together, each in the right spirit. Although the son did not finish his planned confession, he said enough: "I have sinned." With that, the father called for a servant to prepare a cordial welcome for the son who had been found.

The Brother Who Resented Them (vv. 25-32)

As the celebration was getting started, the older son came in from his work. When he heard what was going on, he was so angry that he would not go into the house. So his father came out and begged him to come in. Then

all the resentment and pride boiled over. Some of his feelings were probably justified: after all, he had stayed on the place to help his father with the work, and it was probably heavier after the younger brother left. Also, the father probably should have shown in some special way his appreciation for the older son. But he still had a little self-centered spirit. He talked about "thy son" instead of "my brother"; obviously, he was not happy that the rebellious son had come back. He was not concerned about finding even a lost brother. He represented the self-righteous Pharisees.

But the parable closes with the words of the forgiving father—representing our Father in heaven. His circle of love included both the resentful son and the wasteful one. To safeguard the brotherly relations, he said they had to celebrate because they were all now reunited.

## Revival Dates

**Big Level Church, Wiggins:** March 20-25; A. M. "Sonny" Moore, pastor of Ruleville Church, preaching; Mrs. Gwendolyn Hitt, music director; Big Level Church, singer; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Julian Burt, pastor.

**Lakeview Church, Leland:** youth led revival; March 17-20; services 7:30 p.m.; youth team from BSU of Mississippi Delta Junior College; Mickey Reynolds, preacher; Tommy Kelly, song leader; Bobby Whittington, pianist; Charles Everitt, pastor.

**Carmel, Monticello:** March 21-26; Hoyte Nelson, First, Slidell, La., evangelist; annual homecoming on March 27 with Nelson as morning speaker, noon meal at the church, and singing in the afternoon; Charles Guy, pastor.

**Leesburg (Rankin):** March 20-25; Vance Dyess, evangelist; Danny Henderson, pastor; C. A. Southerland, minister of music; Sunday at 10:45 and 2 p.m. with dinner on the grounds; Monday-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; special offering to be Sunday taken to be placed in a trust fund for upkeep of the cemetery.

**Arbor Grove Church, Houston:** March 23-27; James Messer, pastor of Highland Church, Vicksburg, evangelist; Arlie Holloway, music director; Gene Stewart, pastor; services at 7 p.m.

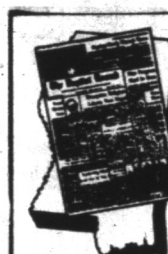
**New Hope (Leake):** March 18-20; Irel Harrison, BSU director, Mississippi State University, evangelist; Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; dinner on the ground Sunday; David Pickel, singer; Jimmy Young, pastor.

**Central, McComb:** March 20-25; Wyatt Hunter, pastor emeritus, First, McComb, and interim pastor at Central, evangelist; James Bickham, minister of music, East McComb, singer; services during week at 7 p.m.

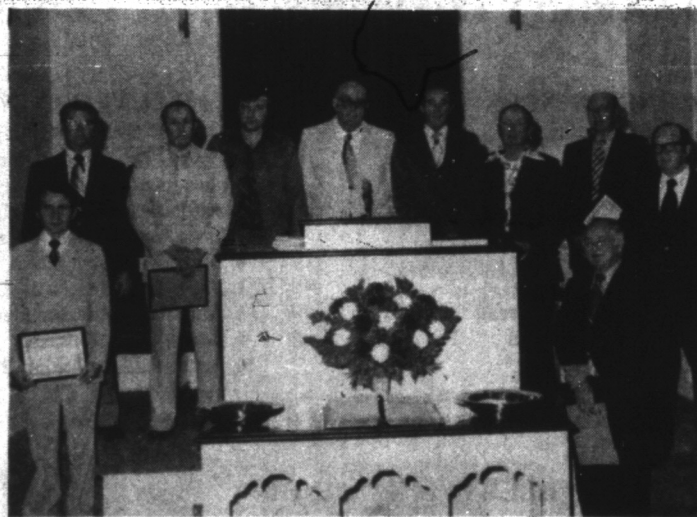
**Central Church, Brookhaven:** March 20-23; Tommy and Diane Winders, evangelist team from Tupelo, in charge; Associational Youth Rally on Saturday March 19, at Central; week-day services at 7 p.m. H. Glen Schilling, pastor; Mike Grim, is minister of music and youth.

**First Church, Indiana:** March 20-25; James Fancher, Jackson, evangelist; Richard Smith, New Albany, singer; Dan Morton, pastor.

**Macedonia Church, Brookhaven:** March 20-24 at 7 p.m.; George Meadows, pastor of First Church, Hazlehurst, evangelist; Eddie King of Johnston Station Church, in charge of the music; Don Nerren is pastor; Charles B. Still, minister of music and youth.



## Just For The Record



First Church, Raleigh recently observed Deacon Emphasis week. Deacons were challenged to better deaconship by their pastor, Robert H. Perry, as they sat as a body with their families on the first Sunday. Tuesday night the deacons along with the pastor studied the book, *The Ministry of the Deacon* and on Friday night the week concluded with a deacon and wife banquet. Therman Bryant of the Cooperative Missions Department, MBBF, was guest speaker. Left to right: Hubert Parks, O. W. Idom, Mack Hawkins, Jim Kelly Billy John Crumpton, Prentice Stuart, Olen Tadlock, Fred Bryant, Curtis Gable, Leslie Coleman (Not pictured—Verlon Hughes, James Ward). Each deacon received a certificate for participating in the week's activities.

The WMU of First Church, Oxford, kicked off a Missions Readathon by sponsoring a Book Fair. Fellowship Hall was the setting for an old-time fair with carousel music, free popcorn and lemonade. As participants entered they were given tickets that named and gave locations of foreign and home missionaries. Midway booths offered choices of fishing or target shooting for missions, being entertained by puppets, drinking oriental tea, looking at displays of reading materials on missionaries, or operating the new audio visual equipment at the Media Center. Baptist Young Women presented a skit depicting a scene in which the main character, Octopus Oil, gave an impersonation of an outreach librarian. The Readathon was launched on Sunday morning as Mrs. Betty Butler, Baptist Women president, presented Pastor Lewis Sewell with a book suggesting that he become the first participant in the year-long event.



The Woman's Missionary Union of First Church, Picayune recently sponsored a Missions Fair as a church-wide activity. The recreation room of the church was transformed into a mission trip to many lands where Southern Baptists have missionaries. Each age group of the WMU organizations displayed artifacts and materials to stimulate missionary interest. Well-decorated booths depicted other countries through costumes, food, and mementoes. Leading out in the mission involvement at the church were (from left) Jean Saunders, Prayer Chairman; Carolyn Tourne, Enlistment Chairman; Helen Wilson, WMU director; Ernie Stuart, Baptist Young Women's director; Emmie Stoudenmire, Mission Chairman; (back row) Evelyn Clolinger, G.A. director; Lucille Gillis, Baptist Women director; Elise Lankford, Mission Friends director; Johnnie Stewart, Acteens director and Missions Fair coordinator.

First Church, Belzoni has paid in full the indebtedness of the new sanctuary which includes the choir room and activities room. The value of this addition was approximately \$500,000. Five years ago the members of the church moved into the new sanctuary with a debt of \$120,000. Left to right: Terry Campbell, chairman of the Building Committee; Mack Gorton, chairman of deacons, Mrs. Fred Champions, Jr., employee at First Federal Savings and Loan Association; and Hugh Varnado, chairman of the Finance Committee. Gorton received the note from Mrs. Champion marked PAID-IN-FULL. Jasper P. Neel, Jr. is pastor.